THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday; strong westerly winds diminishing Tuesday.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

TODAY

Municipal Celebration in Memorial Auditorium, 8 to 10 p. m. Illuminated tree outside all evening.

Broadway club celebration in club rooms from 8.30 this evening, until 2.30 tomorrow morning. Illuminated tree at Connolly square, all night.

Entertainment for children by Y's Men's club, at Y. M. C. A. at 6 p. m. Christmas tree with gifts for all.

Christmas Carols and National Airs by Trumpeters at Chalifoux's store from 3 o'clock this afternoon until 9 o'clock this evening.

Distribution of gifts to Lowell Boys' club by local Rotarians, with Major Jeyes as Santa Claus.

Salvation Army baskets distributed to needy families.

Christmas tree exercises at Lowell Day Nursery, with distribution of gifts by Santa Claus this afternoon.

Distribution of baskets and gifts by social service committee of League of Catholic Women.

Special exercises and visitations at orphanages, homes and institutions.

Midnight masses in all Catholic churches, with exception of St. Margaret's.

TOMORROW

Candle Light Christmas service at Pawtucket Congregational church, 6.30 a. m.

Appropriate services with elaborate musical programs in Catholic and Protestant churches.

Holiday dinners in all local institutions.

Special programs in theatres.

Continuous roller skating, Crescent Rink, 10 a. m. to 10.30 p. m.

Christmas tree exercises at Knights of Columbus, Y. M. C. L., Mathews and other organizations at 3 p. m.

Santa Claus at Broadwday club free, at 2 p. m.

Farewell appearance of "Mal" Hallett's orchestra, Associate hall, evening.

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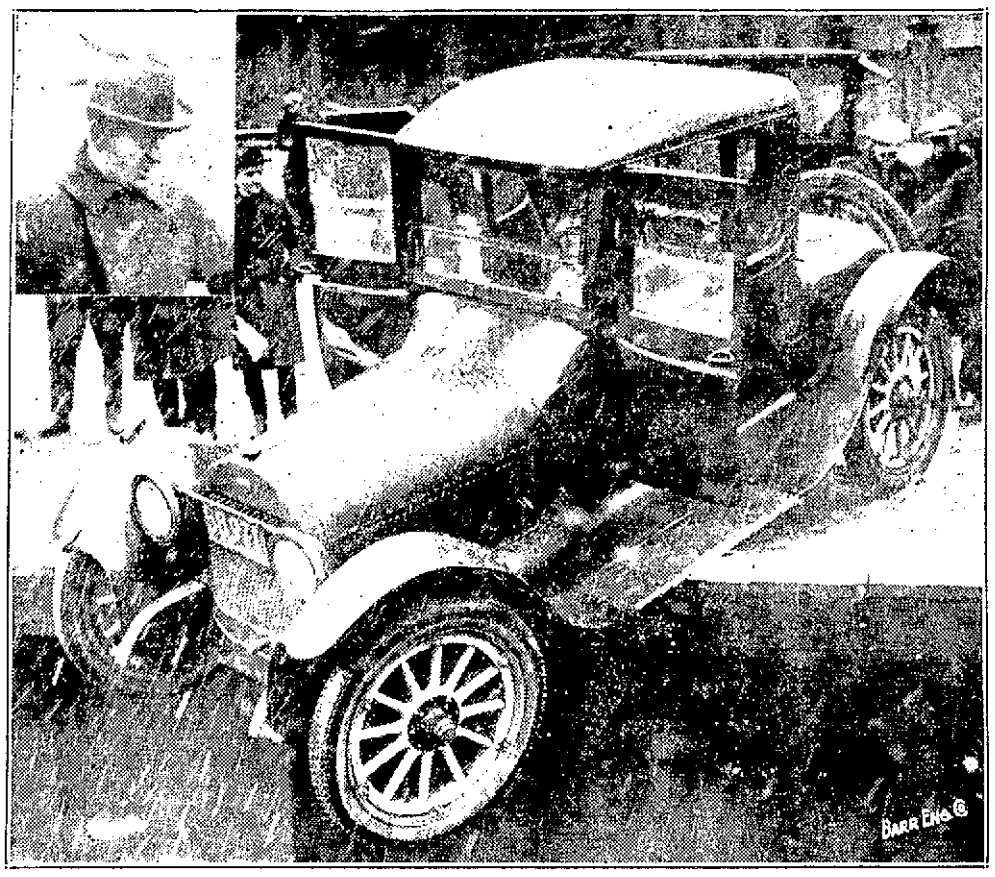
Man and Woman Have Miraculous Escape From Death When Auto Crashes Through Railroad Bridge



PICTURE SHOWING FRONT WHEELS DANGLING OVER TRACKS 10 FEET BELOW — WILLIAM KERSHAW, DRIVER, SHOWN IN INSET.

Two lives hung in the balance and twenty feet of fencing was ripped away on the Chelmsford street bridge over the railroad tracks at the depot, when a runabout skidded on the slushy boarding at 9 o'clock this morning. As the car crashed through the fence it seemed that it would plunge headlong into the abyss. The brakes held, however, and the machine came to a wheezing, groaning, sputtering stop with fully 10 inches of the car hanging in space. The rear wheels of the machine were up on the sidewalk and the force of gravity, by just a hair balance, held the car on the bridge.

So close was the car to going over that stepping from the running board onto the sidewalk was in itself a precarious and hazardous undertaking. The car is owned by the Lowell gas company and the occupants were William E. Kershaw and Mrs. Hazel Balch. Kershaw, who is married and lives at 25 McKinley avenue is employed as a clerk at the Shattuck street office of the company. Mrs. Balch lives at 777 Westford street. Her husband is a bookkeeper for the gas company.

The car is a Buick four runabout and was proceeding north along Chelmsford street when Kershaw saw the car in front of him in the heavy traffic suddenly stopped. He says he was proceeding slowly, but when he applied the foot brake he suddenly swerved to the right and skidded into the fence. The position of the car seems to bear out his statement. When police arrived on the scene the emergency brake was unset and the headlights were on.

Not even the windshield was cracked and aside from the shock of the accident the occupants of the car were not in the least disturbed. Just as they alighted from the wrecked machine there thundered down, snow-covered from the north the Canadian Pacific express which Mrs Balch had planned to take to spend the holidays with her parents in Newburyport. To many it seemed little short of a miracle that they had not been pinned straight in the path of the big locomotive.

Mr. Balch arrived on the scene shortly after the accident. He had ordered Kershaw, officials of the gas company say, to call at his home for his wife and drive her to the depot.

The car is a dark blue roadster with almost indiscernible one-inch lettering on both doors giving the initials "L. G. Co." It presented a dejected picture dropped clumsily over the bridgeway, a fresh evergreen wreath tied with a wide red bow adding a strikingly inapropos bit of color from its position over the rear window.

Two policemen were kept busy handling the inquisitive crowd that soon gathered and on the slushy boarding the danger of someone slipping or sliding over the walk and down onto the tracks below was ever imminent.

CONGRESS TO ACT ON BOOTLEG SCANDAL IN WASHINGTON

Sudden Disappearance of Portentous List of Customers Taken During Raid Results in Insistent Demands for Explanation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The national capital's biggest bootleg scandal, which originated from a modest police raid, gives promise of development of a sweeping inquiry into oft-repeated charges of liquor drinking in high places.

The sudden disappearance of a portentous list of customers taken during the raid resulted in insistent demands from several quarters today for an explanation. There were indications that the district attorney's office which has threatened to prosecute those whose names appeared on the list, would investigate thoroughly why the evidence vanished into thin air, and that the demands for an inquiry would be taken up in congress immediately after the holiday recess.

Meantime both the financial backing of the bootlegger ring involved and the actual source of its liquor supply are under investigation by several agencies of the municipal government of the District of Columbia. An effort will be made to connect prominent banking interests with the financing of the project, and an inquiry already has been made of the state department as to the immunity of a liquor stock which the police were prevented from seizing by the intervention of an official of a foreign legation.

Some of the liquor seized by police officials of belonging to the stock of the ring was stored in the cellar of a private house here, but when the police squad broke into the place and were about to carry the wet goods away, they were informed that it belonged to Dr. Vincelsas Sokolowski, first secretary of the Polish legation. Dr. Sokolowsky subsequently produced permits showing that the liquor had been obtained by him through the regular channels provided in the law for insuring supplies to the representatives here of foreign government.

NEW COURT BUILDING

Rep. Victor Jewett Will Act for the County Commissioners

When the opportune time arrives Rep. Victor F. Jewett probably will act for the county commissioners on any bill they care to endorse relative to the construction of a new district court building in Lowell. Also, he has one or two suggestions he intends to discuss with the commission, but said today that nothing has been decided as yet.

"The only reason I say I probably will act in the legislature for the county commissioners," said Rep. Jewett, "is because I have done so in the past in relation to legislation in which they were interested. Therefore, the same will hold true in the present case if the commission desires to submit a bill."

THIRD AMERICAN EXPERT NAMED

Henry M. Robinson of Los Angeles Selected to Serve With Dawes and Young

To Investigate Condition of Germany's Finances—Robinson Lawyer and Banker

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press) Henry M. Robinson, lawyer and banker of Los Angeles, has been selected as the third American to serve on the expert committees which are to investigate the conditions of Germany's finances under the auspices of the reparation commission.

The other two American members, previously selected, are Charles G. Dawes and Owen D. Young. Mr. Robinson, who is president of the First National bank of Los Angeles and prominently identified with other financial institutions, was a member of the supreme economic council at the Paris peace conference in 1919. He also represented the United States at the first international labor conference.

He was created a chevalier of the Legion of Honor in 1920.

IRISH COUNTESS IS LIBERATED

Free State Government Announces Release of Countess Georgina Markievicz

3481 Political Prisoners Released Between December 1 and December 23

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—The Free State government today announced the release of Countess Georgina Markievicz, one of the leading woman republicans, who was arrested here Nov. 20.

The government also announced that between Dec. 1 and Dec. 23, political prisoners to the number of 3481 had been liberated.

Countess Markiewicz has figured prominently for years in the republican movement in Ireland. She was active in the Dublin revolt of 1916 and suffered a long term of imprisonment. She has been many times arrested since in connection with republican activities. She was elected member of the British parliament for Dublin by the Sinn Feiners in 1918, the first woman ever chosen a member of that body, but never took her seat.

She espoused De Valera's side in the Anglo-Irish treaty controversy. She has since been an active member of his party and was successful in the elections for the south Irish parliament last August. Her arrest in Dublin last month occurred when she was travelling about in a motor lorry accompanied by a number of girls distributing literature concerning the government's attitude toward the political hunger strikers.

Eamon de Valera is in solitary confinement, according to Dublin advices yesterday.

N. Y. AND BOSTON CLEARINGS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Exchanges, $447,000,000; balances, $51,000,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $49,000,000; balances, $24,000,000.

SECRETARY WEEKS SENDS GREETINGS TO ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Weeks sent Christmas and New Year's greetings to the army today, saying that the holiday season brought increased appreciation of the "blessings of peace and the unmolested enjoyment of self government which are dependent upon the nation's defensive power."

"Each year that I pass in the war department," the secretary said, "makes me realize more and more how much you are entitled to the thanks of your country."

Major General John L. Hines, deputy chief of staff, in his Christmas message to the army, pointed out that the efforts of the year had resulted in a closer union of our military elements through the ties of excellent achievements in a common cause."

FOR INCREASE IN DUTY ON WHEAT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Data being compiled by the wheat council of the United States to support its application to the tariff commission for an increase in the duty on wheat, was outlined to President Coolidge today by former Senator McCumber of North Dakota, who is representing the council before the commission.

Progress being made both by the council and the commission in collecting figures as to production costs should permit inauguration of hearings about the middle of January, Mr. McCumber said.

STRUCK AND KILLED BY RAILWAY BUS

MEDFORD, Dec. 24.—His sight obscured by the season's first snow flurry, William Charles Eaton of Charlestown, a night watchman, stepped in the path of a Boston Elevated company motor bus, early this morning and was struck by the vehicle. He died of a fractured skull in a hospital, and Percival H. Duncan of Medford, the driver of the bus, was arraigned in the Malden court on a charge of manslaughter. He was held in $1000 bail for a hearing January 24.

Samuel Gompers, the veteran president of the American Federation of Labor, has been a trade union member for 60 years.

KILLED ON WAY HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

GREENFIELD, Dec. 24.—Mrs. O. W. Tyler of Wilkesbarre, Pa., was killed, her 18 months old infant son probably fatally injured and her husband, O. W. Tyler, a traveling salesman for the Philadelphia branch of the Seiderling Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio, was seriously injured this morning at 9.40, when a sedan in which they were traveling northward was hit by a south bound express train on Hale's crossing, near Bernardston. The sedan was a total wreck.

The Tyler family were on their way to Brattleboro, to spend Christmas with Mr. Tyler's mother, Mrs. Addie Tyler of 2 Walnut street, Brattleboro. Hale's crossing is one at which it is difficult to see trains approaching from the north and it is probable that Mr. Tyler did not observe the express until it was fairly upon him.

The body of Mrs. Tyler was brought here on the train which hit the car, together with the wounded, which were taken to the Franklin county hospital. Mr. Tyler was unconscious at noon, but he is expected to recover.

MAN INJURED BY AUTO IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Joseph Bosquet, 71 years old, of 17 Stanley street, was removed from his home to the Lowell Corporation hospital this morning, suffering from injuries sustained as the result of being struck by an automobile, alleged to have been driven by Frank Andreoli of 88 Boisvert street, in West Sixth street, about 7.30 o'clock last night. At the hospital, Bosquet's injuries are considered serious. He is suffering from the fracture of three ribs, severe lacerations and probable internal injuries.

Andreoli was arraigned in district court this morning on charges of operating an automobile while he was under the influence of liquor, and for failure to make himself known after causing injuries. Bonds were fixed at $600 for his appearance on January 2.

The accident occurred when Bosquet was crossing West Sixth street, near Bunker Hill street, last night. After the accident, Andreoli kept on going until a witness called his attention to the injured man. Andreoli said he then went back but found the man apparently able to take care of himself, and to all appearances, not seriously hurt. He then drove off, but was arrested at his home some time later, as his registration had been taken and given to the police by a witness.

Dr. Nathan A. Pulsifer attended Bosquet at his home and this morning, when his condition assumed serious proportions, he was ordered removed to the hospital.

SNOW GIVES REAL TONE TO CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Old Mother Earth this morning was enveloped in a cloak of ermine as Dame Nature called Jack Frost to her aid and gave Jupiter Pluvius the fadeout in response to the prayers of the children for a white Christmas.

Folks who last night tucked themselves under the covers after a drowsy day made gray and far from joyous by a drizzling, drenching rain awoke this morning to see a fine flaky storm that looked good for most of the day, not only looked good but made good.

Most of us who on other mornings

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NEW TRIAL FOR FOX SOUGHT

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Motion for a new trial for Philip E. Fox, Ku Klux Klan publicity man, convicted of murder for the slaying of W. S. Coburn, klan attorney, and sentenced to life imprisonment, was filed by his counsel today.

Nice Sweet Cider. Boyle Bros.

1000 REBELS CAPTURED BY FEDERAL TROOPS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22. (By the Associated Press.) More than 1000 prisoners were taken when the federal troops captured Puebla from the revolutionists, according to Secretary of War Serrano. He issued the following bulletin.

"The attack against Puebla started at 7 a.m., with three airplanes bombing Loreto, San Juan and Guadalupe fortresses. The airplanes dropped 74 bombs which hit their marks. Simultaneously forces belonging to the column commanded by General Martinez advanced upon the town and at 11 o'clock advices reported occupation of the city. The enemy was defeated after fierce battling, government forces taking numerous prisoners with cavalry sent in pursuit of the retreating forces still capturing many. The importance of the rebels' defeat will be known when the commander-in-chief sends detailed reports. Once more government soldiers covered themselves with glory. The Fourth artillery regiment, commanded by Col. Amezzua, contributed handsomely to the downfall of the fortresses."

Rebels Report Advance

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 24. (By the Associated Press.)—Rebel forces made their nearest approach to Mexico City so far, with the capture yesterday of Cuernavaca, 40 miles south of the capital, it was stated in a revolutionary communique issued here. The advance, it was said, was made under the command of General Figueroa.

The forces advanced from their position in the state of Guerrero into Morelos, of which Cuernavaca is the capital. No heavy fighting was reported.

Puebla has not been evacuated, according to the rebel statement, which adds that the insurgents are engaged in heavy fighting with federal forces in the suburbs.

An official government bulletin issued from Mexico City stated that Puebla was captured Saturday and that 1000 prisoners were taken by the federal forces in the engagement.

DRACUT MAN INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE

Hilson Jellery, of Kenwood, Dracut, was injured in an automobile crash this noon on the Lowell-Lawrence boulevard and sustained injuries to his head. He was picked up by a passing car and rushed to St. John's hospital in this city, where an X-ray will be taken and an operation performed if it is found necessary. At the time of going to press, the hospital was unable to state how severe the man's injuries are.

GIRL ANARCHIST FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—Germaine Berton, girl anarchist, was acquitted by a jury today on a charge of killing Marius Plateau, a reporter for the Royalist newspaper L'Action Francaise, last January.

CHAIRMAN MULDOON TO RETIRE JAN. 1

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William Muldoon, chairman of the New York state athletic commission, will retire from office with the expiration of his term on Jan. 1, he was quoted as saying today. Muldoon has been head of the commission, which controls boxing, since its creation in 1920, although his powers were curtailed late spring, when Governor Smith appointed a new license commission. According to reports, Edward Curry, former boxer and close friend of Governor Smith, will be appointed to succeed Muldoon.

MILLER WELCOMES AN INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian, told President Coolidge today that his office would welcome any investigation congress may decide to make. A resolution to direct a senate inquiry into the administration of alien property has been introduced by Senator King, democrat, Utah.

BANDITS ROB JEWELRY STORE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Armed bandits today entered the novelty store of Jacob Mell, in the Bronx, bound and gagged him and escaped with cash and jewelry worth $2000.

Boston Market

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—An upward trend featured the early trading on the local market today. Ventura was up ¾, Calumet & Hecla, ¼, and Edison Electric & Island Creek was off ¼.

For 200 years Holland has been a cocoa factor in the food industry. Forty Amsterdam alone has 18 factories engaged in the manufacture of cocoa and chocolate.

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No Sun Tomorrow

Tomorrow being Christmas Day, The Sun will suspend publication of all editions.

Christmas Eve.

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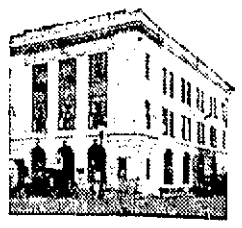

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Every Available Street Car is Being Pressed Into Active Service

Extensive preparations calling for operation of every serviceable electric car available have been made by the officials of the Lowell division of the street railway company to handle the Christmas Eve crowds.

Supt. Sayers expects that tonight's crowd will be the largest in the history of the local division because of the fact that the weather is unpleasant for the use of automobiles and the regular Christmas shopping crowds will be greatly augmented by the crowd attending the Christmas Eve celebration in the Auditorium and also by those attending midnight mass at the various Catholic churches.

Cars were run on the regular week-day schedule this morning. At 1:00 extra cars were put on all lines and the Saturday schedule adhered to as closely as possible. At 5 o'clock this evening further extras were put into operation, "double-headers" being run on many lines.

To accommodate persons attending midnight masses at the various churches, special cars will be run to the churches and will stay at the churches until the masses are over. In this way it is hoped that everyone desiring to use the electric cars will be accommodated.

Tomorrow, Christmas day, the cars on all routes will be operated on Sunday schedule.

AT THE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

A pageant, "When Jesus Was Born," was presented in conjunction with the evening service at the Calvary Baptist church, by the young folks of the parish, representing the story of the Christ from the prophecies of Isaiah to the moment of the wise men at the manger receiving a warning to return by another route than the city of Herod, on their way to the east.

The pageant was directed by Miss Carrie Stewart, and the cast included the following: Florence Lalime, Earl Stevenson, J. Oscar Phinney, George Spalding, Ralph Johnson, Howard Lawson, Florence Chamberlain, Helen Craig, Alta Plouffe, Dorothea Beck, Melba Hanscom, Eleanor Stuart, Mary Burnette, Fertha Perry, Margaret Myhr, Ella C. Stevenson, Rhoda Paul, Fern Hayes, Alice Bird, Winfield Aldrich, Carleton Flynn, William Perry, Edward Lawson and Arthur Christiansen.

Solos were given by Helen Gray, Alta Plouffe, Florence Lalime and Mrs. Earl Stevenson.

The White Gift service preceded the pageant, under the direction of Sterlin R. Crosby, with each Sunday school class bringing a Christmas offering for a worthy charitable cause. The music for the service was in charge of Edward J. Dilts, choir director.

JOHN McMAHON SENT HOME FROM HOSPITAL

The condition of John M. Mahon, who was injured last night when struck by an automobile on the Pawtucket boulevard, was improved so much this morning that he was sent to his home, 23 Fedrth avenue. Mr. McMahon is employed as a fireman at the boulevard pumping station. While riding home from work last night he was run down by a machine operated by Albert B. Wise of Nashua, N. H., and received a contusion to the scalp. He was taken to the Corporation hospital by Mr. Wise, who later reported the accident to the police.

PLAN GRAND TIME FOR NEEDY YOUTHS

Fifty boy members of needy families have been invited to the Y.M.C.A. tonight where they will be royally entertained by the Y's Men's club. The youngsters will travel in style for their hosts will call for them in motor cars and drive them to their homes after the party.

There will be a Christmas tree with toys and useful gifts for all. In addition there will be a party of good things to eat. Games and music will be used to help make the night a jolly one.

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SLIGHTLY DRAPED EVENING FROCKS FROM PARIS

Slightly—just ever so slightly—draped—these evening gowns show the pleasure of Paris in each graceful line. They are all sleeveless, as dinner and evening gowns are this season, and they have the three different neck-lines that are popular.

Materials most preferred are satin, velvet and brocades. Unfigured materials like these are almost always beaded. Crystal and rhinestone beads are favored and are lavishly used.

Beaded or brocaded slippers carry out the color scheme of one's frock. Head bands are also carefully chosen to form part of a harmoniously complete costume.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sister Mary Gives Two Menus for the Holiday

By SISTER MARY

If you had turkey for Thanksgiving you may not want it for Christmas, but there is a great variety of meats from which to choose.

Roast goose is quite Christmasy and with prune, onion or potato stuffing, delicious.

A crown roast of pork is appropriate and perhaps the nicest sort of piece de resistance for the small family.

Not only the dinner menu should be carefully planned but the meals for the entire day. Breakfast is apt to be a hurried meal for the cook if she is also the housewife, so let this meal be easy to get.

If Christmas dinner is served at one o'clock, a light, easily digestible supper will be welcome. In many families the "going-to-the-cupboard" part of Christmas is considered as much fun as the dinner itself. But if the same rich and heavy foods are indulged in that served the dinner, indigestion may result.

Christmas supper served in the living room will appeal to the family.

A reasonable amount of thought should be used to prevent repetition of flavors. For instance, if grape-fruit is used for breakfast, don't begin the Christmas dinner with chilled grape-fruit. Or if crown of pork is the dinner meat, don't serve bacon or sausage for breakfast.

Menu Suggestions

Use pimentoes, pickled beets and olives for garnishing the Christmas canapes. These should be in the shape of stars.

Maraschino, candied, preserved or candied cherries carry out the Christmas colors in dessert.

The blushing apples are colored with tiny red cinnamon candies.

The orange juice should be prepared the night before.

The salad in the dinner menu is used of mixed fruit, served in a bright red apple cup on a bed of shredded lettuce. A small spoonful of whipped cream topped with a bit of currant jelly is a lovely way to cover the salad plus slightly above the apple shell.

The beet pickles could be cut in the shape of stars or tiny Christmas trees for the supper menu.

Roast Goose

Goose should not be older than eight months old at the most. Four to six months is preferred, although a four-month goose is usually roasted without stuffing. An eight-month to a year-old goose should be steamed before roasting.

Scrub and wash thoroughly inside and out. Remove any soft fat on the inside is removed. Rinse with cold water. A goose is [illegible] and pepper and [illegible] and put in a large pan. Place the body with [illegible] and [illegible] and place [illegible] pounds of [illegible]. Wipe flour in pan [illegible] with [illegible] salted water [illegible] pure water is better for basting than the [illegible] in the pan.

Prune Stuffing

One cup prunes (the [illegible] variety) stale bread crumbs, [illegible] teaspoon salt, [illegible] teaspoon pepper, [illegible] lemon juice, [illegible] onion, 1 tablespoon melted butter.

Wash prunes and soak [illegible] hot in cold water. Cover the water until tender, add no more [illegible] and [illegible]. Remove the stones [illegible] Stone prunes [illegible] prunes with [illegible] and fried onion [illegible] and lemon juice. Mix [illegible] prune juice.

Two [illegible] and one-half pounds [illegible] boiled and chopped [illegible] instead of [illegible].

Martinique Potatoes

Six [illegible] potatoes, [illegible] tablespoons [illegible] cream, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon salt, [illegible] pepper, few [illegible].

Remove [illegible] from [illegible] and mash. Beat in butter, cream, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Beat over [illegible] until thick and [illegible] and put into potatoes. Cook three minutes, stirring constantly. Beat white of eggs until stiff and dry and fold into first mixture. Shape between two buttered spoons, place on a buttered dripping pan or sheet and bake 15 minutes in a moderate oven. The potatoes should brown slightly while baking.

Crown Roast of Pork

May be a rib roast or a loin rib. If rib roast, have butcher shape through bones of two strips, containing six chops each or less as needed. Trim ends of bones evenly and tie in a circle having meat on inside. Tie squares of buttered paper over ends of bones to prevent charring. Season with salt and pepper and roast in moderate oven.

Allow from two to three hours for roasting. Baste frequently with drippings. Pork must be well done. Remove paper before sending to the table, cover with paper frills. Garnish with parsley and the "blushing" apples if platter is large enough to permit comfortable carving.

If "spare ribs" are used, tie two strips together in a circle and fill with the following stuffing:

One cup of chopped apples, one-half cup seeded raisins, two pounds bulk sausage or finely chopped pork steak, one teaspoon minced onion, one teaspoon poultry seasoning, one teaspoon salt, one-quarter teaspoon pepper, one cup dried bread crumbs, water to make moist.

If seasoned sausage is used, gauge the seasonings accordingly.

Mix all ingredients well and add just enough water to hold mixture together.

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CHOICE OF MENUS

Breakfast

Orange juice, bacon and eggs, toast, coffee.

Dinner

Christmas canapes, consomme, olives and radishes, roast goose with prune stuffing, mashing potatoes, brussels sprouts, salad in apple cups, plum pudding, orange ice, glace nuts and fruits, coffee.

Supper

Scalloped oysters, lettuce sandwiches, brown bread sandwiches, beet pickles, fruit cake, tea.

Breakfast

Steamed prunes, creamed dried beef on toast potatoes, orange marmalade, coffee.

Dinner

Grape-fruit cocktail, oyster bouillon, cream roast of pork, blushing apples, glazed sweet potatoes, spinach, Christmas salad, Santa's own dessert, fancy cakes, nuts, raisins, coffee.

Supper

Scrambled eggs with cheese on toast, olives, Christmas cake, tea.

EIGHT TAKEN IN RAID

Ulster Constabulary Raided Meeting in Londonderry Yesterday

BELFAST, Ireland, Dec. 24.—Members of the Ulster constabulary and special officers yesterday raided a meeting in Londonderry and arrested eight persons, including a nationalist member of parliament. Four of the prisoners had returned north recently from internment in the Free State. The homes of the captives were subsequently searched. The raid is said to have been prompted by a recent arrest and seizure of documents, and it is stated that startling developments are expected.

Those attending the meeting declared its object was to raise funds for the defense of the men charged with the murder of Howard McKay during the riot reports.

SPANISH WAR VETS TO HAVE REUNION

[illegible] members of Company C, [illegible] Regiment, will [illegible] Hardson house on Jan. [illegible] the 25th anniversary of [illegible] Porto Rico at the close of the war.

[illegible] Cartledge and Arthur [illegible] charge of arrangements. [illegible] Lt. Col. Alexander [illegible] who was captain of the [illegible] company in Spanish war days.

See the Point?

The Sun has by far the largest circulation of any Lowell paper. Ninety per cent. of Sun readers do not read any other Lowell newspaper. See the point, Mr. Advertiser?

WORLD OF LETTERS AROUSED BY CHILD'S GÉNIUS

ROGER JACKSON

NATHALIA CRANE

By JOSEPHINE VAN DE GRIFT
N.E.A. Service Staff Writer

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Romance! It raced from a brown-eyed, red-headed janitor's boy up to a window where a little girl was sitting.

And now 16-year-old Nathalia Clara Ruth Crane is writing poetry that is making venerable educators and elderly, gray-headed editors stand around and wonder.

For months editors who published her poetry though: she was an adult.

They needn't wonder at all, for love can do anything—especially when it's love for a nice boy like Roger Jackson.

You see, Roger's father tended the furnace and looked after the walks in the apartment at 781 Ocean avenue where Nathalia lives with her father and mother.

And one day Roger and his gang needed somebody to help out in a game of hide-and-seek. Up at a window in the second story a pale little girl was sitting.

"Would you care to come down and play hide-and-seek with us?" queried Roger politely.

Nathalia said she would. And that was when the damage was done.

For days afterward Nathala scribbled and scribbled. "Look, mama," she said. "See my songs."

But Mrs. Clarence P. Crane being a busy woman and not suspecting that there was genius in the family, put the "songs" down the dumb waiter.

In despair Nathalia turned to her father. And then for the first time it became known that a child prodigy was in the process of expressing herself.

Here are the first of the poems inspired by Nathalia's great love for Roger Jackson. In them Roger is generally given the name of Jones because Jones makes better poetry and besides, one doesn't care to be too explicit about the object of one's tender sentiments.

But alas and alack, for true love, the janitor and his family moved away. It's been over a year now since Nathalia has set her eyes on Roger but the image of the red headed boy will not die. She still writes poetry about him.

"He's coming to my Christmas party, though," she says, "and I'll certainly be glad to see him again."

Over in another part of Brooklyn where Roger goes to school he is likewise expressing hopes for the Christmas party.

"Nathalia is a fine girl," he says "and I guess she's going to be a great poet some day. I tried to write some poetry once but I didn't get very far with it. No, it wasn't about Nathalia. It was about a kid who was afraid to play for fear he'd get his clothes dirty."

THE FLATHOUSE ROOF
By Nathalia Crane

I linger on the flathouse roof, the moonlight is divine,
But my heart is all a-flutter like the washing on the line.

I long to be a heroine, I long to be serene,
But, my feet, they dance in answer to a distant tambourine.

And, oh! the dreams of ecstasy Oh! Babylon and Troy
I've a hero in the basement, he's the janitor's red-haired boy.

There's the music of his mallet and the jeging of his saw;
I wonder what he's making on that lovely cellar floor?

He loves me, for he said it when we met upon the stair,
And that is why I'm on the roof to get a breath of air.

He said it! Oh! He said it! And the only thing I said
Was, "Roger Jones, I like you, for your hair is very red."

We parted when intruders came a-tramping through the hall;
He's got my pocket handkerchief and I have got his ball.

And so it is, I'm on the roof. Oh! Babylon and Troy!
I'm very sure that I'm in love with someone else's boy.

Alone, upon the starry heights, I'm dancing on a green,
To the jingling and the jangling of a distant tambourine.

To the stamping of a hammer and the jigging of a saw,
And the secret sort of feeling I'm in love forever more.

Do you think it's any wonder, with the moonlight so divine,
That my heart is all a-flutter, like the washing on the line?

OH, ROGER JONES
By Nathalia Crane

Oh, Roger Jones! Oh, Roger Jones!
Oh, Prince! O, Knight! Ah! Me!
We used to play at keeping house
Beneath an old oak tree.

Your hair was red; your eyes were brown.
You had a freckled nose;
You were the father of my dolls,
My husband—I suppose.

Oh, Roger! You were only nine,
And I was half-past eight;
It really was romantic, or
At least at any rate.

AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS EXCEED EXPORTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Import of agricultural products exceeded exports last year, probably for the first time in history, the difference amounting to $385,000,000, as compared with a $471,000,000 excess in the value of exports over imports in the previous year.

The shift of the balance in trade in agriculture products in favor of foreign countries was attributed by the department of agriculture today chiefly to an increased value of imports and a decrease in the value of imports and a decrease in the value of exports. Imports, including forest products, totalled $2,315,000,000 last year, or $750,000,000 more than in the previous year, while exports aggregated $1,927,000,000, a decrease of $82,000,000.

CHRISTMAS MAIL CONGESTION RELIEVED

By superhuman efforts and the aid of 11 mail trucks, the postal force of Lowell yesterday succeeded in clearing out the bulk of the Christmas mail that has been accumulating at the central station. Postmaster Delisle stated today that he was confident of the successful delivery of all packages that are received today, in time for Christmas.

SHE GAVE HER BLOOD THAT STRANGER MIGHT LIVE

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—She gave her blood that another might live! Yet Mrs. Margery Haus, a former nurse, gladly would do it again "for humanity's sake." A man lay at the point of death in General hospital here. A transfusion operation was the only hope, surgeons said. And he was a stranger in the city, without friends or relatives, upon whom the doctors could call for aid. Mrs. Haus read about it in the newspapers. She was the first to volunteer. "A human being should not be permitted to die when he can be saved so easily," she declared when hospital attaches questioned her. She submitted to the operation, then went home, expressing the hope that the stranger would benefit by her sacrifice. And he did. He's on the road to recovery now.

BOBBED HAIR!

The only woman ambassador in the world is Mrs. Kolontay (above.) She's the Bolshevik envoy to Norway. She's a real diplomat, they say.

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HOPE TO SAVE BIG DIRIGIBLE

The Dixmude, Carrying 50 Persons, Drifting Helplessly for Three Days

Military Authorities Prepare Landing Place, in Case Ship Able to Descend

PARIS, Dec. 24. (By the Associated Press.)—There appeared this morning to be some hope of saving the French dirigible Dixmude, which with 50 officers and men aboard, has been drifting helplessly for three days over the Gulf of Gabes on the north coast of Africa and over the interior of Tunis.

Although news received in Paris has been sparse, the latest advices said that the great airship had drifted well inland and, taking a northwesterly direction, was hovering in the vicinity of Foum Tatahouine, 30 miles south of Medinin.

Military authorities at Foum Tatahouine were reported to have prepared a fair landing place, in case the ship was able to descend. Automobile headlights were set to mark out the spot through the night. A strong force of troops was also present.

The Italian authorities in Tripoli have instructed all military posts to maintain a close watch for the Dixmude and to take all necessary steps to aid her should help be necessary.

British officials at Malta have warned naval units in the Mediterranean to keep an extra lookout by day and searchlights playing by night.

Successfully accomplishing a three-day flight from Cuers-Pierrefeu to Insalah, southern Algeria, the Dixmude last Friday afternoon headed eastward for Tunis. Her gasoline supply ran low and it was necessary to put her on one of her six motors. She then began to drift, sending out distress signals that put in motion all French naval units within call and all garrisons in the Tunis district.

Last September, the Dixmude established a world's record duration flight of 4500 miles. She was endeavoring to break this record when trouble overtook her.

No News From Dirigible

TOULON, Dec. 24.—The Aviation authorities here are hopeful that the Dixmude will soon be located, but are concerned over the lack of news from the dirigible, which is believed to be drifting over the coast of Tunis or the gulf of Gabes.

The French are receiving the operation of the British authorities at Malta and the Italiane in Sardinia and on the mainland.

MAKING FACE MAY COST LIFE

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 24.—John Romesco is in a serious condition in the Maine General hospital with a bullet in his abdomen, and Mrs. Josephine Discona is at the same institution after being shot in the left leg, when, according to the police, Tommas Zavaglio last night resented Romesco "making a face" at him. The latter is under arrest and will be arraigned today on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Mrs. Discona jumped between the two and the police believe the second shot was fired accidentally.

NEGROES PARDONED BY PRES. COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Christmas pardons were granted today by President Coolidge to Alvin E. White, held in Leavenworth prison, and to Willis Swofford, a prisoner at Atlanta, Ga. Both are negroes.

"DINTY" MOORE SERIOUSLY INJURED

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 24.—("Dinty") Moore, airmail pilot, fell near Burns, Wyo., today, according to word received at the local airmail field. He was seriously injured.

FUNERAL NOTICES

McGURN—Died December 22, at his home, 43 Hampstead street, Cornelius McGurn. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from the house, and a solemn high funeral mass will be sung at the Sacred Heart church at 10 o'clock. The burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell and Sons.

EMPLOYES REMEMBERED

This past week the A. E. O'Heir & Co., furniture dealers, distributed $3000 among its employes as a Christmas present along with their regular pay envelopes, in each of which was enclosed the following note:

"It is very gratifying that after the big increase in our business last year, and in spite of the widespread unemployment during part of this our business shows an increase over last. This is due largely to your efforts in pleasing our customers and we are glad to give you the enclosed check in token of our appreciation.

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To the Organizations, Clubs, Mayor, Officials and People of Lowell:

Accept my sincere thanks for the many honors and courtesies extended to me during my swimming career, also the wonderful reception of my professional appearance the past week in the city of my birth. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

HENRY F. SULLIVAN

Lowell, Mass.

DEATHS

ROY—Lillian Roy, daughter of Theophile and Elvine (Poulin) Roy, died yesterday at the home of her parents, Old Lowell road, Hudson, N. H., aged 8 months and 15 days.

FENTON—Patrick Fenton, former resident of Lowell, died in Amesbury, Saturday morning, after a brief illness. He leaves his wife, Mary, and two stepsons in Amesbury, also a distant relative, Mr. Fay of South Chelmsford. Mr. Fenton lived in Lowell for more than 10 years and while here was employed by the Lamson Store Service Co., where he was well known and liked. The funeral took place in Amesbury this morning.

INGALLS—Mrs. M. Isabelle Ingalls, a former resident of this city, died December 16 in Minneapolis, Minn., aged 62 years. She leaves one niece, Mrs. O. C. Johnson of this city, and a nephew, Carl O. Spaulding of New York city. The body was brought to the rooms of Undertaker W. Herbert Blake, where services were held Saturday afternoon, Rev. C. E. Spaulding, D.D., of Worcester, officiating. The body was placed in the Spaulding tomb at Dunstable, where the committal service was read by Rev. Dr. Spaulding.

GEORGEOPOULOS—Alga Georgeopoulos died yesterday at the Lowell Corporation hospital. She leaves her husband, George Georgeopoulos, and three children. The body was removed to the rooms of Charles H. Molloy's Sons.

McGURN—Cornelius McGurn, a well known resident of this city, died yesterday at his home, 43 Hampstead street. He was one of the pioneer members of the Sacred Heart parish and had been an attendant of that church since its inception. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth (Gallagher) McGurn; two daughters, Mrs. William J. Flynn, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Griffin; two sons, Stephen C. and Neal J.; one sister, Miss Susan McGurn; one brother, John McGurn, and three grandchildren, William J. Flynn, Jr., Raymond F. and Ruth E. Griffin. Mr. McGurn had lived in Lowell for over 50 years.

McDOWALL—Mrs. Jane P. McDowall died yesterday at the Bentley farm, aged 60 years, 3 months and 16 days. She is survived by her husband, Harkness McDowall; one son, John P. McDowall of Tyngsboro, and two daughters, Mrs. T. C. Robertson of Tyngsboro and Mrs. Jane S. Strannigan of Scotland. Mrs. McDowall came to this country only about two months ago from Scotland and she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star at Kilmarnock, Scotland. The body was removed to the rooms of Undertaker George W. Healey, 236 Westford street.

BURRILL—Died Dec. 24, in this city, Mrs. Olive A. Burrill, aged 57 years and 9 days, widow of Fred S. Burrill, at the home of her brother, Samuel J. Bigelow, 423 Wilder street. She is survived by two sons, Elmer F. and Harold L. Burrill, both of Hartland, Me.; also two brothers, William H. Bigelow of Weaverville, Cal., and Samuel J. Bigelow of this city; one sister, Mrs. John Alders of Wellesley Farms, Mass. Burial will be in the family lot in the Baptist Hill cemetery, Skowhegan, Me.

FUNERALS

FARLEY—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret (Manley) Farley took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from her home, 39 Plummer avenue, and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where, at 9 o'clock, a mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Owen McQuaid, O.M.I. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Charles P. Smith, rendered the Gregorian chant. At the offertory Mrs. Hugh Walker rendered "Domine Jesu Christe" and at the conclusion of the mass Miss Isabel McKiernan sang "O Meritum Passionis." Mrs. Walker presided at the organ. There were many representatives of the older families of Lowell, Dracut and Tewksbury, where the deceased was well and favorably known. The bearers were Messrs. James O'Connell, Frank Reed, Patrick McKiernan, John Flanagan, Christopher Sheridan and Michael Carkill. There were many floral and spiritual offerings. The burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. McQuaid. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell and Sons.

PROVENCHER—The funeral of Roland Provencher, son of Wilfred and Alexina (Normand) Provencher, took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 187 Perkins street. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery. Arrangements were in charge of Funeral Director Joseph Albert.

SAKALIKOS—The funeral of Michael Sakalikos took place yesterday afternoon and services were held at Holy Trinity Greek church, the prayers were read by the pastor. There were many floral tributes. Burial was in Westlawn cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

BOROVOY—The funeral of Eunice O. Borovoy, daughter of Samuel and Kate (Hood) Borovoy, took place yesterday morning from the rooms of Undertakers Amedee Archambault and Sons. Owing to the cause of death burial was strictly private in the family lot in Ohava Cedek cemetery in Dedham.

DEMERS—The funeral of Joseph G. Demers took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, Joseph A. and Diana (Fugere) Demers, 211 Pawtucket street. Burial was in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers Amedee Archambault and Sons.

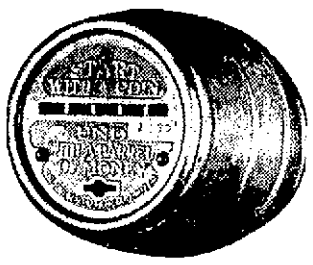
STOTT—The strictly private funeral of Thomas Stott took place from his home, 209 Nesmith street, Saturday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Appleton Grannis, rector of St. Anne's Episcopal church. The bearers were John W., Walter S., Edward E., and Charles F. Stanley and Richard K. and Charles L. Stover jr. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery. The arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

HOYLE—Funeral services for Miss Clara E. Hoyle were held at the rooms of Undertaker Hiram C. Brown yesterday afternoon, Rev. Richard Peters, pastor of the Highland Congregational church, officiating. There were many beautiful flowers. The delegation from Evening Star Rebekah Lodge 30, consisted of Miss Lillian E. Allister, N.G.; Mrs. Bertha L. Hoggaboom, V.G.; Mrs. Georgia Queen, chaplain and Mrs. Etta G. Spaulding, treasurer, who also read the burial service of the order. The bearers were Silas R. Coburn, Percy Robinson, Mr. Igham and Francis Regnier. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, where Rev. Mr. Peters read the burial service. The arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Regnier and Regnier.

ALBERT—The funeral of Mrs. Josephine (Michaud) Albert took place this morning from the home of her son, Joseph Albert, 173 Aiken street. Solemn high funeral mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's church at 9 o'clock by Rev. J. A. Roy, pastor of the Holy Rosary church, Rochester, N. H., and a nephew of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Emile Roldue, O.M.I., as deacon and Rev. Joseph Pratt, O.M.I., as sub-deacon. The choir, under the direction of Telesphore Malo, sang Perreault's mass. The soloists were Mrs. Elodie Malo, Miss Stella Latour and Leo Bilodeau. At the offertory the choir sang "Domine Jesu Christi" and at the elevation Miss Stella Latour sang Jordan's "Tu Jesu." As the body was taken from the church the choir sang "De Profundis." Miss Lena B. Camire was the organist. The bearers were Xavier Perreault, Delphis Belleville, Auguste Ouellette, Jean B. Gagnon, Arthur Beauchesne and Ovide Levasseur. There were many flowers. Burial was in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Fay read the committal prayers. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Thomas A. Saunders and Edward J. Lynch.

JUST A SUGGESTION

FOR THAT "LAST-MINUTE-GIFT"



Undoubtedly, if you have the experience of most people at this season of the year, you find at the eleventh hour you have overlooked some one whom you wish to remember at Yuletide. Perhaps it is that youngster for whom you were a godmother or godfather or possibly some older person, an aunt or an uncle, who would welcome the opportunity to open a savings account.

Let us suggest opening a savings account in the Middlesex National Bank and presenting the bank book as a Christmas gift. To some youngster friend you might give one of that institution's barrel banks. There can be no more sensible gift than the opportunity to practice thrift.

The bank will be open this evening from 7 to 9 o'clock for the accommodation of the public.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Local Organization Backs National Program of Transportation Development

Lowell chamber of commerce members and executives are backing measures that may soon be taken in the New England states contributing to the carrying out of a national program of transportation development, which will be discussed at length at the mid-year meeting of the eastern division of the chamber of commerce of the United States, to be held in Philadelphia, Jan. 17-18. If possible, the Lowell organization will be represented by delegates.

Six special committees are now working, under the auspices of the national chamber, preparing a preliminary survey of national transportation needs. These committees have already made a series of recommendation which will form the basis of discussion at a national transportation conference to be held in Washington just before the eastern division meeting.

The efforts of business men acting in concert will be exerted to the formation of a national transportation policy to meet the growing needs of the country as a whole. The relationship of the commercial, industrial and agricultural interests of the eastern and seaboard states, from Maine to Florida, to this larger plan and practical steps to put it into execution, will be considered at the sectional meeting in Philadelphia.

Secretary-Manager George F. Wells of the local chamber of commerce, said today that an opportunity will be afforded the business men of the city to present their views on such important questions as taxation, transportation, immigration and merchant marine. More than 700 commercial and industrial organizations, including the textiles will have representatives at the coming meeting.

Whatever action is taken at this conference will be submitted for final consideration to the annual convention of the national chamber, which will be held in Cleveland next spring.

RECITAL BY PUPILS OF MISS O'BRIEN

A very pleasant Christmas recital was held this afternoon at the studio of Miss Angela V. O'Brien, 65 Durant street. The program was given entirely by the junior class, the children ranging in age from eight to eleven years and was very creditably given, showing the results of the training received. Miss Mary O'Brien gave several splendid readings which were much enjoyed. The program was as follows:

Duet, Just We Two ..... Spalding
Nora Cahill, Anna Cahill
In May ..... Martin
Helena Rogers
Adeste Fideles Arranged by Greenwald
Thomas Fitzpatrick
Apple Song ..... Cramm
Anna Cahill
Evergreen and Holly ..... Franz
Rose Walsh
Scotch Airs ..... Harris
Francis Furlong
Voices of Spring ..... Anthony
Julia Tully
Duet, First Study ..... Presser
Critta Rolfe, Miss O'Brien
Plantation Airs ..... Keiser
Russell Kennedy
Reading.
Mary O'Brien
The Frightened Cloud ..... Cramm
Nora Cahill
Evening Song ..... Vogt
Adolf Gondek
Vacation Time ..... White
Catherine Harrington
Silent Night, ..Arranged by Greenwald
Rita Flannery
Swanee River ..... Foster Franz
John Alaksa
Dream Memories ..... Baldwin
Ruth Rogers

WAS STRUCK BY AUTO IN CENTRAL STREET

While crossing Central street, near Abbott, about 8.20 o'clock last Saturday night, James J. Brennan, 45 years of age, was struck and knocked down by a Ford automobile operated by Bernard J. Reaney, of 347 Lawrence street. The injured man was taken to St. John's hospital, where it was learned that he sustained injuries to his back, fortunately, not of a very serious nature.

According to the story of Mr. Brennan, as told by a sister, he and his wife started to cross the street, when Reaney's machine came along and the mudguard struck Mr. Brennan before he could get out of the way.

BASKETBALL AT Y.M.C.A.

In the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium last Saturday night, the boys of the advanced class defeated the Athenians at basketball by the score of 9 to 5. A. Gier was the star of the game.

Wesleyan chapel in Mawnan, Cornwall, England, opened in 1815, had its first marriage ceremony only recently.

BANKRUPTCY HEARING

Customers of Bankrupt Brokerage House Lost $40,000 by False Quotation

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Customers of Scott Norris & Co., bankrupt cotton brokerage house, lost $40,000 on Nov. 2, when their accounts were closed out in fictitious loans, Benjamin Spicker, 20 year old margin clerk testified at a bankruptcy hearing today.

Accounts of approximately 4500 bales of cotton, he said, was wiped out when the firm set a false quotation of 29.25 cents a pound, 45 points below the market. Arrangements were made by the National Cotton and Grain exchange, he asserted to sign sales slips at that price with other brokers.

Within a few minutes after the accounts had been closed, Spicker testified the market advanced 200 points.

When Scott Norris & Co. failed on Nov. 16, he said, the firm was short 56,000 bales of cotton, worth almost $10,000,000.

CHLOROFORMED WATCH-DOG, STOLE LIQUOR

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—After chloroforming a watchdog, bandits robbed the home of Croasdale Knorr, at Glenside, a suburb, of liquors worth $11,000, late Saturday night, it became known today. The bandits in their flight dropped $6500 in bonds taken from a desk. Rare wines and cordials were included in the liquor stock, police said.

THREATS AGAINST LIFE

Monnell Sayre, Wealthy Patron of Francis Kluxen, Remains Away From Church

CONVENT, N. J., Dec. 24.—Threats of serious consequences if he should again visit Grace Episcopal church with his prospective foster-son are declared by Monnell Sayre, wealthy patron of Francis Kluxen, to have been the reason for his absence at services yesterday. Kluxen, a Madison schoolboy, was taken in hand by Mr. Sayre last year after his acquittal of the murder of Janet Lawrence, school girl.

Mr. Sayre, who has taken steps to legally adopt Kluxen, took the boy to church the previous Sunday. Kluxen is a Catholic, but had expressed a desire to witness the Episcopal service, he said. The threats came after his church visit.

The boy's wealthy patron, who is vice president of the pension fund of the Episcopal church in America, announced that he would fight his opponents in the issue and he contemplated withdrawal of his membership at Grace church and transferring to St. Peter's at Madison. Many threats had been made against Kluxen's life, he said, and the boy was being kept indoors at the Sayre mansion. Home persons, he said, had told him that Kluxen, who is 16 years old, was believed guilty of the Lawrence murder and hinted that the Ku Klux Klan might take a hand.

Mr. Sayre said he did not attend services yesterday because he feared his presence, even without Kluxen, might precipitate a disturbance. The police had taken precautions against any disorders.

PROGRAM AT THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL

The following Christmas program was carried out at the Washington school, Friday:

Carols:
O Come All Ye Faithful,
Hark the Herald Angels Sing,
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear,
Singing, A Song of Snowflakes,
Miss Palm's Class
Recitation, Clemence Lanock
Piano solo, Cecile Larock
Recitation, Elton Parker
Singing, The Christmas Stocking,
Miss Palm's Class
Recitation, Beryl Andriola
Carols:
Away in a Manger,
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Silent Night
Recitation, Children from Miss Kilpatrick's Class
Song, Children from Miss Kilpatrick's Class
Recitation, Dorothy McShane, Marjorie Fernald, Marcia Lamphier
Piano solo, Eliot Cowdrey
Singing, The Beautiful Christmas Tree, Fourth Grades.
Recitation, Christmas Candles, five girls from Miss Brown's Room
Singing, Miss Everett's Class
Carols, Deck the Hall,
The First Noel,
Accompanist, Miss Carrie L. Brown

SANTA WILL LEAVE MANY GOLD COINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. Gold coins will be left by Santa Claus in a greater number of Christmas stockings this year than ever before.

The total gold held by the Federal Reserve banks has decreased by more than $62,000,000 in the last 10 days, while the gold settlement fund operated by the Federal Reserve board has decreased by about $13,000,000, showing the fact unusual drain has been made on the stocks by those who desire to employ the coin as Christmas gifts.

TAXES OF $4248 ILLEGALLY ASSESSED

BOSTON, Dec. 24. The United States circuit court of appeals today reaffirmed the decision of Judge Morton of the federal district court to the effect that taxes amounting to $4248 were illegally assessed upon the Sterling Cider Co. of Sterling and should be remitted. The taxes were paid under protest on sales of sweet cider between Sept. 1, 1919, and Jan. 1, 1920.

The company brought suit to recover the amount paid and Judge Morton ruled in its favor on the ground that sweet cider was not a soft drink within the meaning of the revenue act. The case attracted the attention of cider manufacturers all over the country and counsel for their national association presented arguments in behalf of the company.

METAL EXCHANGES CLOSED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. The metal exchanges in New York and London were closed today.

FOUR SHOT IN ROUNDUP OF BOOTLEGGERS

MARION, Ill., Dec. 24.—Four men were shot, one seriously, in a round-up of alleged moonshiners and bootleggers in Williamson county, Saturday night and yesterday, and today 13 persons were held in the Franklin county jail at Benton and 62 were at liberty under bonds ranging from $2000 to $500. All were charged with violating the federal prohibition law.

The raiders were led by C. J. Simons of Washington, D. C., who was sent here by Prohibition Director Hayes. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan assisted in the raids, which were conducted without the knowledge of county authorities.

Armon Terbersho of Freeman is in the hospital at West Frankfort, shot in the head, stomach and back. Three others were treated for superficial bullet wounds at West Frankfort.

Gus Clark, the first man indicted in connection with the Herrin mine killings, was among those arrested.

The raiders swooped down on an excitement in Benton, it being estimated that more than 300 persons were gathered in the town square.

The raids came at a time when the alleged bootleggers were preparing for a big Christmas trade on the belief that the majority of dry agents had been called into Chicago for holiday duty.

VENIZELOS REQUESTS INFORMATION

ATHENS, Dec. 24. (By the Associated Press.)—Former Prime Minister Venizelos has telegraphed from Paris to Col. Plastiras of the revolutionary committee, requesting information as to the relative strength of the contending parties in Greece, it was announced today.

The ex-premier's request follows the sending late last week of an invitation to him to return to Greece and take the political situation in hand, without any restrictions upon his liberty of action. The invitation was sent by the revolutionary committee at the request of the council of ministers.

XMAS OBSERVANCE AT NO. BILLERICA

The annual celebration of Christmas began yesterday at St. Andrew's, North Billerica. The crib and many wreaths were in place for the children's observance in the afternoon. Under the direction of Rev. Sisters Alice of St. Charles and Catherine of the Visitation, both of the Order of Notre Dame, an appropriate program was carried out. A double mixed quartet sang a greeting. Edith Loranger followed with an expression of good wishes, after which "Adeste Fideles" was given by a chorus. Miss Etta Hoar, church organist, presided over the musical portion of the program.

J. David Welsh recited "Once in Royal David's City" and the chorus gave "What Lovely Infant." Then followed an acrostic declaration by five boys, each holding a card lettered with a letter of the name of Jesus and reciting a verse, the first letter of which conformed with the letter they held. The chorus, "Silent Night," was then given.

Rev. Charles J. Sullivan, D.C.L., pastor, and Rev. J. M. Cunningham, assistant pastor and Sunday school director, received gifts from the children and made fitting responses. Following benediction, the teachers and children received their Christmas tokens at the hands of the Misses Frances A. and Elizabeth C. Rogers.

Many parents and friends were present. Masses tomorrow will be celebrated at 8.30 and 10.30 o'clock, the latter mass being a high mass followed by benediction. The first mass will be sung by the children's choir. At the high mass the senior choir will render the following musical program:

Prelude: Christmas hymn, Cardinal O'Connell; Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei from the Mass of St. Cecilia by J. E. Turner. The Credo will be from Korman's mass. Offertory: Adeste Fideles by Novello. Soloists: Mrs. John Lyons, Miss Dorothy Shipsey, Charles E. Fairbrother, James H. Gannon, John T. Fairbrother. Organist, Miss Etta Hoar.

Mass will be celebrated in the Pinehurst section of the parish at 10 o'clock.

CLOSE RESERVATIONS

Tickets to the Ad club's annual souvenir dinner which takes place at Memorial Auditorium have been sold out. Five hundred covers will be set. Reservation requests are still being received but he limitation will not be changed.

Trumpeters At The Chalifoux Store

Gilbert Gilmore, Julius Coolens, William Regan, John J. Giblin

Beginning at 3 o'clock this afternoon and continuing hourly until 9 o'clock this evening, trumpeters in costume will play Christmas carols from the second floor windows of the Chalifoux store at Central and Merrimack streets. It will be recalled that a similar Christmas novelty was inaugurated by the Chalifoux Co. last year and worked out so successfully that the trumpeters were re-engaged for this season.

The trumpeters are Lowell men, well known in musical circles, and include Gilbert Gilmore, Julius Coolens, William Regan and John J. Giblin director.

Some of the tunes to be played by the quartet today are "Hail Smiling Morn," "Home, Sweet Home," "Silent Night," "Soldier's Farewell," "Adeste Fideles," "America," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "Holy Night," "Sun of My Soul," "Lion Hearted," "Country Wedding" and "Trumpeters' March" from Folkeager.

DROP IN TEMPERATURE IS PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—No "white Christmas" is in prospect, but there will be a bite in the air Christmas morning, of the last few days when summer-like weather has prevailed over a wide area. Light frost is predicted by the weather bureau for tonight, as far south as extreme northern Florida. Indications are for generally fair weather tonight and tomorrow in the middle Atlantic, south Atlantic, east gulf states, Tennessee, the Ohio valley and the lower lake region. The only snowfall probable, is predicted for portions of New England and northern New York and this may turn to local rains.

Tonight the temperature will be slightly lower in the middle Atlantic states, but they will rise slowly in the Atlantic states north of Virginia during Christmas day.

CHRISAMAS MESSAGE BY LADY ASTOR

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lady Astor today gave out a Christmas message to the United States and Canada in which she makes reference to the war days when she helped to minister to wounded Canadian soldiers on the Astor estate at Cliveden, Taplow, Buckinghamshire. The message is as follows:

"When Christmas comes, my heart turns back to Dixie and to Canada. I hope our Cliveden Canadians will miss us just a little. We shall think of them and drink their health in Grade A milk—the kind they know so well."

TROOPS CALLED IN CUBAN STRIKE

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 24.—The government has despatched 300 soldiers from Camp Columbia to guard the property of the Cuba railroad, on which a general strike is in progress.

The road is operating one passenger train daily each way, preceded by detachments of the Rural guard in motor cars and the mills are operating sugar trains with their own crews. The walkout of shopmen and wharf employes of the northern railways of Cuba is declared to have caused comparatively little delay.

SPEED SKATING TRIALS

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The speed skating trials to determine the makeup of America's Olympic team are expected to be held as scheduled at Saranac Lake and Lake Placid the latter part of this week, as a result of cold weather. A heavy fall of snow was on the ground today.

THREE SCHOOLBOYS GET YULETIDE FAVORS

Lady Luck brought Yuletide favors to three schoolboys of Lowell and Chelmsford, this morning, winners of classy toboggans offered by the S. H. Harrison Co., Central street, in a free coupon prize contest that kept hundreds of boys of Lowell and surrounding towns on the qui vive during the past six weeks.

A big pine box containing the tickets bearing the names of the eager boy contestants, was the center of attraction at 10 o'clock this morning, when the drawings were scheduled to take place. Store employes, contestants bubbling over with anxiety, customers in abundance and others present as guests for the occasion, watched the judges draw from the box of tickets the winning names. The gentlemen who handled the contest were Clovis Belanger of L'Etoile, Charles Keyes of The Sun and Arthur Stackpole of the Courier Citizen.

The winners of the wonderful toboggans valued at $20 apiece, and shining with varnish and nickle-plate, seating six persons and polished up for the first snow slides on local hills and dales, were: No. 1, Hector Valley of 141 Chelmsford street; No. 2, Walter Burns of 13 Bowers street; No. 3, Allen Kidder, Chelmsford Centre.

Manager Goulson of the Central street establishment handled the details of the drawing and Mr. S. H. Harrison, president of the corporation, came down early to witness the exciting winding up of one of the merriest contests ever conducted by a local emporium.

From many viewpoints, the Harrison gifts were acceptable, the reason was that everything was free to the boys who competed. Tickets were distributed gratis to all comers and it wasn't necessary to buy clothes or other wearing apparel in order to participate in the contest for the toboggans. It was Harrison's way of celebrating Christmas. That was the reason the influx of coupons that threatened to fill the big cedar ballot box that was used as a depository.

MRS. KATE FOOTE COE DEAD

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Kate Foote Coe, who died here yesterday, was formerly well known in literary circles of the country, living in Washington as a correspondent for publications of note, writing under her maiden name of Kate Foote. Mrs. Coe was regarded as a pioneer worker in Indian affairs and was an African agent at one time and made a visit to the Alaskan Indians.

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to satisfy late buyers

If in doubt, give "him" a necktie. No man has too many.

Lots of choice new ties, offered today for the first time, at **$1.00.**

Better ties at **$1.50** and **$2.00.**

And for the last day—a special offer of $1.00 ties at **65c, 2 for $1.25.**

D. S. O'Brien Co.

222 Merrimack St.

MILLIONS AT HIS COMMAND

Death of George L. Wade, Sr., wealthy Kansas City (Mo.) sportsman who was killed by a runaway auto at a Los Angeles race track, left more than $7,000,000 to his adopted son, George L. Wade, Jr., shown in the picture. The youngster has just turned 7.

Tonight

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15-Minute

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For instance, when you find a sudden or unusual increase in your bill, ask yourself:

Does the bill cover the same number of days as the previous bills with which the current bill is compared?

Has the weather been to blame?

Has there been sickness in the house?

Have I had servants staying the week?

Have the servants or others used more gas than I am aware of?

Have any additional gas appliances been installed?

Have I been wasting gas because of a faulty meal adjustment?

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Radio Broadcasts

WNAC, BOSTON.
1080 Kc. 278 Metres

3 p. m.—Stock market quotations.
3.05 p. m.—Act 3, Scene 3, from The Pilgrims Brought to Mary.
6 p. m.—Children's half hour, Mrs. William H. Stewart, assisted by Leona May Smith, cornet, and Christmas carols by the Lancaster theatre chorus of little children from the North End.
7.30 p. m.—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, music for violin, harp and organ.
8 p. m.—Service of carols, Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
9.50-12 p. m.—City of Boston celebration, broadcast from Boston common.
9.50 p. m.—Address by Mayor James M. Curley.
10 p. m.—Selection by band.
10.30 p. m.—Christmas carols, John Marshall's group.
10.50 p. m.—Band selections.
11 p. m.—Christmas carols, Unitarian Laymen's league.
11.20 p. m.—Band selections.
12 p. m.—Trumpeters.

WJAR, PROVIDENCE.
830 Kc. 360 Metres

8.15 p. m.—The Providence chamber of commerce in co-operation with a group of singers from the Choral Art society, the University Glee club and the Monday Morning Musical club, will broadcast Christmas carols.
8.25 p. m.—The Place Concert company, Helen C. Place, soprano; Ada Smith, contralto; Harold Strong, tenor; Herbert Taylor, baritone; Miss Alice Hargreaves, guest; Ralph C. Mills, cornetist.

WOO, PHILADELPHIA.
590 Kc. 509 Metres

7.30 p. m.—Dinner music from Hotel Adelphia Concert orchestra.
8 p. m.—Ralph Bingham.
8.15 p. m.—WOO orchestra; Ambrose McIntyre, baritone; Harriette G. Ridley, accompanist.
9.15 p. m.—Erno Rapee and his orchestra.
9.55 p. m.—Time signals and weather forecast.
10.10 p. m.—Organ recital; Miss Mary E. Vogt, assisted by Miss Myrtle Eaver, pianist, and the Meistersingers.

WGI, MEDFORD HILLSIDE

5.30 p. m.—Closing stock market reports furnished by Elmer H. Bright & Company, members of the New York and Boston stock exchange.
Agriograms furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.
Live stock market reports.
Wool market news furnished by the Commercial Bulletin of Boston.
6.00 P. M.—"Just Boy," a broadcast from the American Boy Magazine.
6.15 P. M.—Code practice, lesson number 196.
6.45 P. M.—Boston police reports, Boston police headquarters.

CHRISTMAS DAY

12.00 Noon.—Noonday musicale.
12.10 P. M.—New England weather forecast furnished by the U. S. weather bureau.
12.45 P. M.—Closing report on Farmers produce market report.
3.00 P. M. Amrad Women's Club program:
1. "Hospitality Talk," by Ida Bailey Allen given through the courtesy of John Morell & Co. and read by Miss Marjorie Drew.
2. Descriptive musicale arranged by Chickering & Son's Co., Boston. All numbers played by the Ampico in the Chickering.

5.30 P. M.—Closing stock market reports furnished by Elmer H. Bright & Co. Members of the New York and Boston stock exchange.
Weekly review of condition in the Iron and Steel Industry—Iron Trade review.
6.30 p. m.—Boston police reports, Boston police headquarters.
6.40 P. M.—Code practice, lesson number 197.
7.00 P. M.—Evening program:
1. Weekly business report compiled by Roger W. Babson.
2. Amrad, Wgi, will celebrate Christmas by inviting some of the old original broadcasters back to entertain. This will include speakers and those who have sung or played from this old station long before radio was generally known to exist. Among the features of the evening will be a test called in the way it used to be done among amateurs as early as 1915.

WHN, NEW YORK.
570 Kc. 360 Meters

7.30-12 p. m.—Musical program.

KWO, BUFFALO.
910 Kc. 319 Meters

6.30 p. m. Dinner music by Vincent Lopez, Hotel Statler, Dance Orchestra.
7.30 p. m.—Digest of the day's news.
8 p. m.—Christmas carols by the Delaware Avenue Baptist church.

WJZ, NEW YORK.
660 Kc. 455 Meters.

7.00 p. m.—"Dogs," by Frank Dole.
8 p. m.—"Christmas Thoughts," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.
8.15 p. m.—Literary minutes.
8.30 p. m.—Organ recital.
9.05 p. m.—Christmas carols by the West End Presbyterian church choir.
11.30 to 12 Midnight—Carol service by the singers and chimes of the "Hunchback of Notre Dame."
12 Midnight—"Merry Christmas."

KDKA, PITTSBURG.
920 Kc. 326 Meters.

6.15 p. m.—Dinner concert by the Little Symphony Orchestra.
7.15 p. m.—Radio Girl Scout meeting conducted by Laura Holland.
7.45 p. m.—A Christmas program for the kiddies.
8.15 p. m.—Concert by the KDKA Little Symphony Orchestra, assisted by the Edgar Thomson Male Quartet and a mixed chorus, presenting a special Christmas concert.
9.55 p. m.—Arlington time signals. Weather forecast.
10 p. m.—Special Christmas eve program presented by the KDKA Little Symphony orchestra and assisting artists.

WRC, WASHINGTON.
640 Kc. 469 Metres

[illegible] The Political Situation in Washington, by Frederic William [illegible]
[illegible] Song recital by Harriet [illegible], soprano.
[illegible] Song and banjo recital by [illegible].
[illegible] Song recital by Herman [illegible], baritone.
[illegible] Nordica Mandolin, Banjo and Guitar orchestra.
[illegible] A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens.
[illegible] Time signals and weather report.
[illegible] Song recital by Ruth Pe[illegible], soprano of the choir of the [illegible].
[illegible] Program of Christmas carols by the choirs of St. John's church, the Church of the Presidents.
[illegible] Dance program by the [illegible].

WBZ, SPRINGFIELD.
[illegible] Kc. 337 Meters.

[illegible] Dance concert by the WBZ Trio.
[illegible] The week in history. Late news from the National Industrial Conference board. Humorous program.
7.30 p. m.—Twilight tales for the kiddies. Farmers' period. Credit by Co-operation, by Edward H. Thomson.
8 p. m.—Concert by the WBZ Trio, and Detrins Zades, tenor; Mrs. Francis Regal, accompanist.
9 p. m.—Bedtime story for grown-ups.
9.55 p. m.—Arlington time signals.

WOR, NEWARK.
740 Kc. 405 Meters.

6.15 p. m. Santa Claus will speak to the children.
6.20 to 7.30 p. m. Music While You Dine.
8 p. m.—Motion picture talk.
8.15 to 8.45 p. m.—Program under the direction of H. Emerson Yorke.
9 to 9.30 p. m.—Continuation of program under the direction of H. Emerson Yorke.
9.30 p. m.—Soprano solo by Mary Barron.
10 p. m.—Second talk by Capt. E. P. Jessop, U.S.N., retired, on The Panama Canal.

DR. LEO J. HILL

DENTIST

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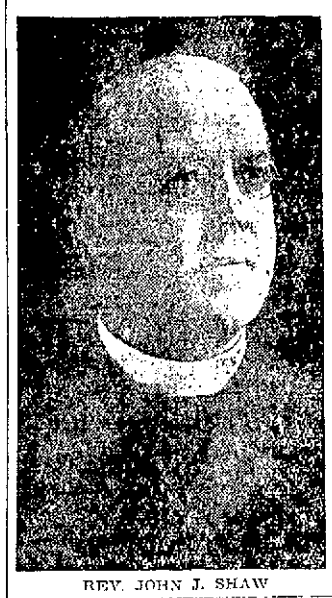
OBSERVED ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

Yesterday, Rev. John J. Shaw, pastor of Michael's church, observed the 41st anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained in 1882, and celebrated his first mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Salem, his native city. On Dec. 27, of the same year, he was appointed to St. Patrick's church in this city



REV. JOHN J. SHAW

and was later assigned to St. John's, North Chelmsford, as pastor. He went to St. Michael's upon the appointment of Rev. William O'Brien to the pastorate of St. Patrick's.

During Fr. Shaw's regime as head of the flock of St. Michael's, the parish has witnessed a marvelous growth. A new and modern school has been erected and several other improvements brought to pass. Fr. Shaw was the recipient of many congratulatory messages yesterday.

The Lowell Memorial Auditorium has a seating capacity of 4000. Imagine the Auditorium filled to capacity 20 times and you will get some idea of the number of people who read The Sun daily, and 90 per cent of the 80,000 readers of The Sun take no other Lowell newspaper.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

BROADWAY CLUB PLANS CHRISTMAS TREE

Plans have been completed by the Broadway club for the big Christmas tree exercises at its rooms this evening. The large tree outside the club will be illuminated at 5 o'clock this afternoon and the ceremonies will get under way at 8.30 under the direction of Chairman Timothy F. O'Sullivan.

The exercises will be interrupted at 11.59 o'clock when the members will attend midnight mass in St. Patrick's church. They will be resumed with dancing, after the mass and continue until 2.30.

The program will be as follows: Overture, orchestra; solos, Misses Bessie O'Brien and Genevieve Paul; dancing specialty, Master Edward McInerney and Miss McGovern; greetings, Mayor John J. Donovan; song, Miss Mary Flanagan; remarks, President William A. Walsh; song and dance, Mrs. Jennie Conway; solo, Miss Rita Halloran; dance and song specialty, Dwyer sisters; solo, Miss Mabel Hogan; solo, Miss Helen Crane; song and dance, little May Conway; solo, Miss Mae Callahan, and solos by John Bell, Eddie Donahue and James Deignan.

OFFERS BLOOD TO MAN WHO PROSECUTED HIM

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A man named L. Rappell, who said Thomas Lee Woolwine, former district attorney of Los Angeles, had sent him to prison in the California city, called at the hotel here where Mr. Woolwine is ill and offered to give a pint of blood to the man who prosecuted him. Rappell's offer, however, was not accepted, as the doctors had already decided to take the blood from the little hotel maid who attends the Woolwine family. She was one of several volunteers.

CHRISTMAS EVE SUPPERS COME HIGH

PARIS, Dec. 24.—It will take a fat purse to partake of one of the traditional Christmas eve suppers at any of the thousand and one restaurants in Paris tonight. The humblest cafe is asking 25 francs for a meagre feast, with wine extra. Those establishments that advertize jazz band music are charging 200 francs for a repast, the chief feature of which is a portion of turkey, unaccompanied by cranberry or any other sauce.

IMPORTANT PROMOTIONS IN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Two important promotions in the fire department are announced by Chief Edward F. Saunders, in the advancement of Capt. Richard E. Burns to the position of district chief and of Lieut. Patrick F. Mahoney to the grade of captain.

The creation of a fourth district chief gives Chief Saunders the opportunity to assign two deputies to each platoon, an arrangement he has felt the need of for some time.

Capt. Burns, the new district chief, has been in the department for 34 years and at present is in charge of Engine 6, Fletcher street. Lieut. Mahoney, who now advances a grade, also is a veteran in the department and at present is on duty with Engine 5.

BIG HOTEL AT KOBE DESTROYED

TOKIO, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—The Oriental hotel at Kobe was partly destroyed by fire early this morning. All of the occupants are believed to have escaped. Many of them fled to safety in their sleeping garments.

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Merry Christmas

Although She's Blind, Margaret Knows What Santa Looks Like

MARGARET MALFETTI

By JOSEPHINE VAN DE GRIFT
N.E.A. Service Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Six-year-old Margaret Malfetti is blind.

Not for her the tinseled reds and greens of Christmas, the vision of a candle-decked Christmas tree, the breath-taking wonder of a fat old saint, all wrapped in red flannel, who leans down over a black iron pot to ask little girls what they want for Christmas.

But Margaret knows there's a Santa Claus. Her childish faith has told her so. Her plump little fingers have sought out all the creases in a fat little Santa Claus doll that her teacher, Miss Marion Miller, has put into her hand over at the New York Institute for the Blind.

Besides, two years ago, Margaret's cousin lay awake on Christmas eve and "peeked" at Santa Claus.

"Of course," says Margaret, "it was an awful thing for him to do and if Santa had known, I doubt if he'd have put a single present in my cousin's stocking.

"Gee, I wish I could see Santa Claus. But anyway, I think I could draw a picture of him.

"First of all, Santa Claus is very fat. That's because he laughs so much and is fond of children. Then, too, he's padded out pretty much because up at the north pole, where he lives, it's cold and sometimes Santa builds such a big fire that the snow melts and runs away from his house for miles.

"Then Santa has a long, white beard, something like what my mother stuffs her comforts with. His beard is so long because Santa's very old. He's a hundred and five years old and this year he'll be a hundred and six.

"I don't know what color Santa's face is, but on his head he has a cap that comes way down over his ears. I don't have to have ear-flaps on my cap because my hair is bobbed and that keeps my ears warm.

"Then on his back Santa has a Christmas tree and a great big bag full of presents for us children. For me he has a little doll in a trunk with a lot of clothes and then a baby doll with a peace-fire. A peacefire is what they give to babies to keep them quiet.

"And for Eugene he is bringing a train of cars and a bugle and some soldiers and a gun because last year and the year before he didn't get over to Eugene's house. He couldn't get over on account of the river.

"But I know that Santa can drive his reindeer and his sled on the ferry and the ferry can take them across.

"Santa has eight—no, six—reindeer on his sled and they have long, beautiful horns, like a lady I knew once that had a hat-rack.

"Once I was in Central Park and there was a deer there. He had 11 spokes to his horns and a boy told me that meant he was 11 years old.

"I wouldn't be s'prised if Santa's deer were just like that deer in Central Park."

NOT SUCH A BAD OLD WORLD, AFTER ALL.

WHY NOT ALWAYS?

Christmas is easily the finest, most enjoyable day in the year, because of the gifts and feasting, and because on Christmas the best and finest of human emotions and ethics come to the surface.

Charity, tolerance, geniality, brotherhood, kindness—these are so in evidence at Christmas that they seem to be in the very air we breathe. And the reason is that all these are Christmas qualities, and that Christmas is the only day when these finer qualities are so generally present that they are a natural part of daily life.

Humanity is struggling for a goal unknown. We wonder if that goal is not the happy time when the spirit of Christmas will, instead of being confined to a day or a season, spread out to include all days of the year.

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS

Celebration This Year Will Have a Strong Anglo-Saxon Flavor

PARIS, Dec. 24. The Christmas celebration in Paris this year will have a strong Anglo-Saxon flavor, judging from indications today. Owing to the favorable exchange rate fully 75 per cent. of the tables reserved at the city's leading restaurants and brightest Christmas resorts have been reserved by English-speaking visitors, among whom Americans predominate. For all of them the supply of traditionally suitable food promises to be ample.

The holiday is being observed over a three-day period, the Bourse, the banks and the big wholesale firms closing down Saturday until Wednesday morning.

PAGEANT GIVEN AT BILLERICA CHURCH

Under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. William L. Walsh, a pageant, "The Nativity," was given at the First Parish church in Billerica Sunday morning in connection with the regular services. Mrs. Hildegarde Woodbury was at the organ, and a special program of music arranged by Harry Mallett, chorister, was arranged. Those who took part in the impressive presentation were as follows: Angels, Misses Tutein, Collier, McQuaid, St. John, Helen Elder, Joseph, Winthrop Page, Mary, Miss Ethel Evans, Shepherds, Messrs. Bowen, Thayer, Walsh, Kings, Messrs. Jacobs, Megow, Okuro, Apostles, members of the Y. P. B. C. Disciples, the church school.

Following is the order of service:
Organ Prelude.
Announcements.
Prelude Carol ...... Adeste Fideles
Church School
Processional.
Choir and congregation, O Little Town of Bethlehem
Prayer—Response.
Scripture Prophecies
The Pageant, A Devotion
Enter Angels and Heavenly Host, Little St. John, followed by Joseph and Mary
Choir, Silent Night.
Scripture.
Choir and congregation, It Came Upon the Midnight.
Visit of Shepherds.
Scripture.
Choir, The Three Kings
Adoration of the Magi
Scripture
Flight into Egypt
Choir, Hark the Herald Angels Sing.
Scripture.
Enter Angels, Light of the World.
Enter Apostles, who light candles from the angel.
Enter disciples, who light candles from apostles.
Choir, Noel.
Recessional.
Organ postlude.

Xmas Sweet Cider, Boyle Bros.

Christmas Boxes for Six Years On Board the Ice-Bound Maud

THE SCHOONER MAUD, ABOVE. PROF. H. U. SVERDRUP AND CAPTAIN OSCAR WISTING.

By N.E.A. Service

NOME, Alaska, Dec. 24. "Somewhere around 76" is the schooner Maud.

Locked helplessly in the polar ice, so isolated from civilization that no help can reach there, the Maud and her crew, comprising the Amundsen Arctic drift expedition that left here June 28, 1922, are facing their second Christmas beneath the starless heaven of the ten-day Arctic midnight, the blackest period of the four-month polar darkness.

The hardy crew, as adventurous a band of argonauts as ever lived, is drifting with the ice across the north pole, across the top of the world, in an effort to ascertain whether the ice and current drift from the Bering sea to the Greenland sea, a determination of what will profoundly affect the world's weather forecasting. Their voyage will occupy five, maybe seven years.

Their leader, Captain Roald Amundsen, famous Arctic and Antarctic explorer, is back in the United States, has temporarily abandoned his proposed airplane flight across the north pole.

A polar Christmas

It does there were a dreary setting for Christmas day. It is the one of made... cold and trackless icy wastes ... the crew of the ... schooner Maud, who have sacrificed the comforts of home and the civilized world in the interests of that stern goddess, Science.

But they will have their Christmas ... they are not to be denied this one day of celebration, this clinging remnant of an almost-forgotten world, for packed in the ship's hold are six large boxes, each of them marked with a date. One was opened last Christmas; the others are for the succeeding ones.

Imagine, then, that it is Christmas on board the Maud. Inside the little, gaily decorated cabin sit half a dozen men eagerly watching Captain Oscar Wisting, their present leader, and Prof. H. U. Sverdrup, scientist of the expedition.

In front of Captain Wisting is a huge box marked, "To be opened Christmas day 1923." The captain pries open the lid while the men look on expectantly.

First, and best of all, there are letters from the loved ones at home, letters that have been lying in that box for more than a year and a half, which nevertheless are seized eagerly and read avidly, and bring unashamed tears to their eyes.

Presents for All

And separately wrapped, are presents for each of the crew. From the family, from friends and from kind-hearted Norwegians and Americans who were let in on the secret and insisted on contributing.

So the letters are read and the presents are distributed, and the crew then sits down to its Christmas dinner.

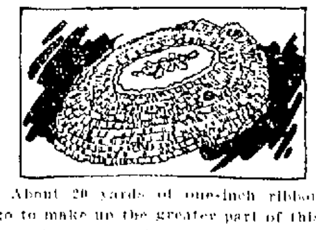
But that is not all. Shut off though they are, they are within reach of the wireless that probes the ether for them regularly from the Norwegian coast.

The Maud's big radio will be kept busy this Christmas day receiving and sending greetings between the firesides in Norway and the frozen wastes of the top of the world.

GAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SOLDIERS' HOME

Inmates of the Soldiers' home in Chelsea were given a Christmas party yesterday, by a group of members of B. F. Butler Relief corps of this city, and a large number of Christmas gifts and tasty foodstuffs were distributed among the veterans. Miss Helen Casey impersonated Santa Claus and was assisted in the distribution of gifts by the following committee: Ella Leary, chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Mrs. Alice Felch, Mrs. Catherine Frawley, Mrs. Catherine Gott, Mrs. Georgie Etta Souza, Mrs. Mary Prescott and Mrs. Elizabeth Dodge. Transportation was furnished by Frank Dodge, Sanford Leary and Paul Gott.

SOFA PILLOW FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT



About 20 yards of one-inch ribbon go to make up the greater part of this attractive sofa pillow. With an oval taffeta centre surrounded by tiny ruffles of this ribbon in a shaded violet color, and a rose-colored flower design in the centre, there is enough color to liven any room. The taffeta in the centre is banded by a yard of metallic braid.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Big Attendance at C. Y. M. L. Meeting Sunday Afternoon —Executive Board Reports

The regular meeting of the C.Y.M.L. was held in its rooms, Suffolk street, yesterday afternoon and was one of the largest and most enthusiastic held by this popular club in a number of years. President John J. Mahoney occupied the chair.

The report of the executive board disclosed the fact that during the past month 19 new members were added to the roll and 11 applications are now under investigation.

A communication from the Lowell safety week committee was read and it was voted to send President John J. Mahoney, Vice-President John W. McGuinness and Secretary James P. Saunders to the next meeting to represent the lyceum.

The question of running a carnival was taken up and after considerable discussion the following committee was appointed with power to make all arrangements for the same: Timothy F. Rohan, chairman; John F. Murphy, Jas. P. Saunders, Raymond O'Brien, Joseph McNamara, Philip Paquin, John Martin, Joseph Hession, William Cronin, James McPhillips, Martin H. O'Brien, Edward Clowrey, Victor Brundini, William Monahan and John J. Mahoney. The committee will meet Christmas morning to arrange plans.

The athletic committee reported that all the apparatus in the gym has been put in first-class shape and the members are making good use of it.

The Christmas tree committee reported that all is in readiness for the exercises which will be held in the rooms Christmas afternoon. The tree is now in place, the musical and literary program is all arranged, and the hall is decorated in the season's colors. The exercises will start promptly at 2.30 o'clock.

The radio question, which was discussed freely last spring, was next taken up. It was the sense of the members that the lyceum should install one at once, and a committee of 10 to have charge of securing and installing one will be named at the exercises Christmas afternoon.

The pool and game committee reported that the recent card tournaments were a success, and that it was their intention to continue them during the winter months, giving a prize each week to the winner. They also reported that the pool and billiard tables have been put in first class shape, and tournaments will start in the near future.

The educational committee reported that the class in public speaking and oral English is a success, and that a class in automobile repairing and another in business English and civil service are being formed, and just as soon as enough members signify their intention of enrolling, the classes will be started.

Rev. Thomas J. McDonough, the lyceum's spiritual director, gave a very interesting and instructive talk to the members, which was listened to with marked attention, after which the meeting adjourned to Sunday, January 6th.

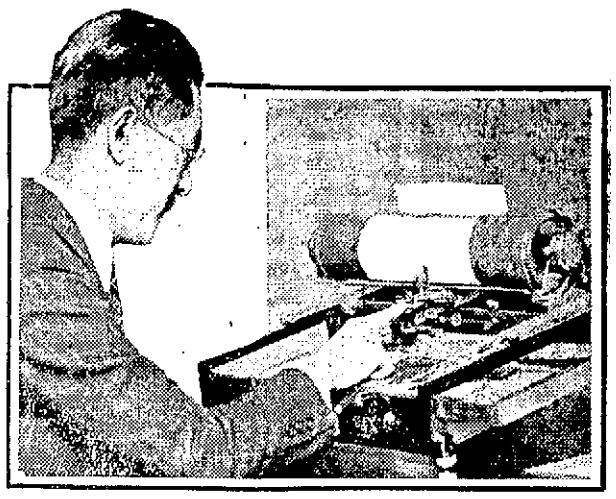
NAVAL EXPEDITION BY FLOATING SCHOOL

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—Equipped as a model floating school the auxiliary power schooner Boxer will sail from Seattle Wednesday on a novel expedition for southeastern Alaska, where her officers will undertake to teach the natives various trades, including wireless telegraph and navigation, it is announced by J. H. Wagner, supervisor here of the United States bureau of education.

Fifteen villages of the Tolinget, Tsimpsean and Rydah Indians are on the vessel's itinerary. The plan is the idea of W. T. Lopp, former manager of the bureau, who will accompany the vessel as far as Anchorage, where he will become superintendent of education for Alaska.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

THE TOWN JOKERS WERE ON HAND TO SEE THE INQUISITIVE AUNT SARAH PEABODY, LEADER OF THE SOCIETY FOR SUPPRESSION OF PIPE SMOKING, HURRIEDLY OPEN HER BIG CHRISTMAS PACKAGE IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE—



TAKES A CENTIPEDE TO RUN IT

This Chinese typewriter, property of the Japanese embassy at Washington, has 2450 different characters, each fitted into small square compartments. The device is so heavy that two men are required to lift it. Photo shows a member of the embassy staff about to give her the gas.

HAPPY CHILDREN AT THE DAY NURSERY

Fifty happy, gloriously happy children danced merrily around Santa Claus this afternoon at the Day Nursery in First street as he generously distributed his load of toys among the happy little tots, whose smiles of gratitude shone through faces which portrayed a pretty picture of the results of candy munching previous to Santy's arrival.

As Santa drew up to the home in his sleigh and hollered "Whoa, Comet; pull up, Dixen," the little ones were at the door with eyes opened wide to greet their old friend, who, true to his note left at the foot of the chimney on Friday evening, came to deliver his toys to good little boys and girls.

"Gee, ain't it grand!" exclaimed Johnny as he watched his choo-choo cars spin 'round and 'round over the tracks. And Mary's ma-ma doll was the centre of attraction as she held it at arms-length to admire its beautiful dress of sheerest material. Of course each little boy and girl got something pretty and just what he and she loved, and it was a merry group that ran to happy mothers seated in the large playroom where the Christmas tree was placed, to show their "presents."

But Santa had to leave and the little tots once more opened the door for him as he drew his empty pouch under his arm. And with the final echo of "On, Comet," ringing in their ears, the children returned in-doors where a dainty feast awaited them and in which mothers and children participated.

Tired, yet happy, the youngsters returned to their homes early in the evening, some even nodded their curly heads as they rested on mother's shoulder, too sleepy to stay up tonight and greet Old Kris Kringle on his special visit to their home.

CATHOLIC WOMEN GIVE OUT XMAS BASKETS

Through its committee on social service, of which Miss Marietta Dwyer is chairman, the League of Catholic Women has distributed over seventy Christmas baskets, each containing sufficient food to provide a holiday dinner for a family of six. The money was raised through voluntary contributions and through whist parties.

The distribution was carefully made following a check of families to be cared for through the Catholic Charities bureau and Lowell lodge, B.P.O. Elks in order that duplication would be avoided.

FOR SETTLEMENT OF CANTON SITUATION

CANTON, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The critical situation which has prevailed here for nearly two weeks as a result of the demand of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, South China leader, for surplus customs revenues is believed to have passed.

Negotiations for settlement of the question are said to be progressing satisfactorily and sailors from the French cruiser Jules Ferry, one of the flotilla of foreign warships concentrated in the harbor, have returned to Hong Kong.

It is hoped in official circles that the stage will soon be reached at which the vigilance of the foreign powers, represented in nearly a score of gunboats in the harbor, anchored off Shameen, the foreign section of the city, where the administrative offices of other nations are located, may be relaxed and the foreign warships withdrawn.

The French sailors who already have left, recently landed at Shameen and were stationed in the old French post office building after Sun's threat to seize the customs to prevent their payment to the Peking government, which he opposes.

ATTEND FUNERAL OF A. A. MILLIKEN

A delegation of Chevalier Middlesex lodge, Knights of Pythias, went to Nashua in a body yesterday to attend the funeral at the First Baptist church there of the late Almon A. Milliken.

Mr. Milliken was a member of the local lodge for over thirty years and was until recently an overseer at the Lawrence Mfg. Co., leaving that position to become employment manager of the Nashua mills. His death occurred on Friday and he was in his seventieth year.

TO BURY BOYLE IN SALEM

The body of Joseph F. Boyle, Newark holdup man who formerly lived here, was shipped from the New Jersey metropolis to Salem yesterday for burial. Elmer Baldwin of Salem, a brother-in-law, accompanied the body.

Xmas Sweet Cider, Boyle Bros.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT CRESCENT RINK

Continuous roller skating will be the holiday feature at the Crescent Rink, Hurd street, on Christmas day, when the doors will be thrown open at 10 o'clock in the morning to remain open until 10.30 in the evening. This plan will afford patrons an opportunity to skate as long as they desire, without any extra charge.

The floor at the rink has been resurfaced. The supply of skates is new and of the best model, and the music is ideal for skating. In fact, the entire equipment at the Crescent compares favorably with any rink in the country. Courteous and efficient instructors and attaches are on duty at all times and the manager is one of the best qualified rink men in the east.

Skating sessions will also be held the coming week on Monday and Wednesday evenings and on Friday and Saturday afternoon and evenings.

POPULATION OF SAN FRANCISCO 579,587

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24. The population of San Francisco within its municipal limits is 579,587, an increase of 71,777 over the federal census estimate of 1920, according to a survey just completed by the San Francisco Examiner.

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WILL CELEBRATE HAPPY CONTRAST CHRISTMAS

BY STEVE HANNAGAN
N.E.A. Service Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Last Christmas, John Deine was the lonesomest, most miserable unfortunate in all New York.

But this Yuletide he's one of the happiest men in town.

On Christmas eve last year, he "carried the banner." Which, translated from the lingo of the "down-and-outers," means walking the streets for want of a "flop."

On Christmas day, he missed a turkey dinner solely because he didn't

JOHN DEINE

have the lone nickel charitable organizations were charging that the hungry might retain their respectability.

A champion boxer in the navy, Deine, now 26, breezed into town with a nice little nest egg, bent on becoming just as famous in the ring as the fairy Prince of Fistiana, William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey.

But his savings didn't last long in New York. A few weeks and he was "on his back."

An employment agency sent him to a construction camp miles and miles from here. After working three days—just long enough to pay his transportation and his board and keep—he received a discharge slip.

Penniless, he walked 50 miles to a boat landing on the Hudson river. There a negro, the only man who pitied him in his plight, paid his fare back to New York.

Tramps Bowery

He landed back the day before Christmas amid the hustle and bustle of Yuletide preparation.

His feet, protruding from the soles of his shoes, beat a painful dirge on the cold sidewalks. A novice in the role of "down-and-outer," he was "up against it" right.

All night long he walked his Christmas vigil on the Bowery. Daybreak found him still tramping in and out the narrow streets.

Even on Christmas there was no haven of relief for a man not "in the know" and too proud to beg.

Business Man Now

For two days he didn't have a single mouthful of food.

Then luck turned. He got a job as a handler on a fruit dock.

Now he's running a "hot dog" stand. Business is good. And he spends his evenings in training at a "gym."

"You bet I'm going to have a happy Christmas this year," he smiles.

"I'll walk the same beat I did last year. But I'll be bundled up in a nice warm overcoat, and I'll search for the fellows who really are on the 'flat' and too proud to ask for help—just like I was."

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ELABORATE PROGRAMS IN LOCAL CHURCHES

Elaborate musical programs, pageants and pantomimes, and appropriate exercises with fervent religious appeal, in addition to stirring pastoral sermons filled with the spirit of reverence for the wonderful story of Bethlehem, featured the annual Christmas observances in Lowell Protestant churches yesterday.

The Christmas spirit was radiant in every sacred edifice of worship. There were Christmas greens and abundance of floral emblems in the chancels, Christmas sermons in the pulpits and Christmas solos, oratorios and carols by augmented choirs.

Weather conditions, far from ideal and wholly unseasonable for this time of the year, had no marked effect on the spirits of young and old who filled the churches morning and evening almost to overflowing.

Particularly notable in many of the Protestant church programs yesterday was the array of young people, many of whom took prominent parts in the elaborate observances scheduled. Emphasizing the real spirit of Christmas, too, thousands of church-goers yesterday contributed with generous hearts to many appeals for Yuletide charities, as the Savior would have it. The amounts contributed in some religious institutions will be distributed to deserving people between now and New Year's day.

At the First Baptist church, an elaborate musical program under the direction of Warren Reid and Organist Wilfred Kershaw was provided for members. Dr. Edward Babcock preached on "The Star of the East," at the evening service.

At Calvary Baptist church, Rev. C. L. Fowler preached and the choir presented a fitting program greatly enjoyed by a large congregation. In the evening, the annual "white gifts" service was conducted with a beautiful pageant, "When Jesus Was Born."

At Fifth Street Baptist church, Rev. C. D. Piper's sermon, "The Wise Men from the East," was a feature of the morning service. The church school presented an elaborate pageant in the evening, entitled "The Prophetic Child."

At the Chelmsford Street Baptist church, there was a Christmas cantata by the choir in the evening. Rev. A. B. Clarke preached in the morning on "The Light That Never Fails." A double quartet sang.

Services at Immanuel Baptist church included special music in the morning and evening, annual Sunday School Yuletide observances being held in the evening.

At the First Congregational church the pastor, Rev. Percy B. Thomas, preached two Christmas sermons morning and evening. Special choir music in the morning was enjoyed by the parishioners and in the evening the edifice was again filled by parishioners who enjoyed an elaborate Christmas tableau with incidental music.

Highland Congregational church-goers listened to special Christmas carol music in the morning, Mrs. McKeon and Wm. Etzel, violinists, assisting. A Sunday school concert took the place of the usual 5 o'clock vespers.

At the Eliot Union Congregational church, Rev. Wm. B. Tuthill, D.D., preached on "The Christmas Sign." The quartet offered a special program and there were Christmas exercises for the Sunday school members at noon time.

At Pawtucket Congregational church both the senior and junior choirs sang at the morning services. Sidney R. Fleet was in charge. In the evening there was a pageant with Sunday school members taking part in "Christmas Chimes."

At St. Anne's Episcopal church, Rev. Appleton Grannis told again "the Christmas story." A choir of 100 voices sang under the direction of William C. Heller.

Special music at all services was provided for St. John's Episcopal churchgoers in the morning. At the First Universalist church, Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., preached, and the choir offered numerous Christmas chorals. Grace Universalist churchgoers listened to a sermon by Rev. Isaac Smith in the morning. A pageant referring to the birth of Christ featured the evening services.

Central M.E. church members enjoyed a "Spirit of Christmas" sermon by Rev. Willard A. Kilmer in the morning. An evening pageant also drew a throng of members and guests, young people of the church appearing in important roles.

At St. Paul's M.E. church, the regular choir had the assistance of the Wesley Male quartet of Boston. Rev. Charles S. Otto preached on "The Peace With the Four Names."

Special Christmas music featured the morning services at All Souls'. The service was attended by the church school in a body. Candle light services were held in the early evening.

Highland M.E. churchgoers enjoyed a Christmas concert in the evening under the direction of Nathaniel Matthews and given by Sunday school pupils. At Worthen Street M.E. church Rev. Myron D. Fuller preached a Christmas sermon in the morning.

Elaborate Christmas music including a cantata featured the day's observances at First Presbyterian church. Miss Isabel M. Gregory directed the cantata. Rev. J. Frank Snell, pastor, preached two sermons. At Matthews Memorial church the pastor's topic was "Shepherds and Herald Angels Sing." The choir of the Lawrence Street P.M. church gave an interesting cantata, "Unto One of the Least," in the evening. At Central Baptist church, the choir sang selections from Handel's "Messiah" in the morning. Carols and recitations by members of the church Sunday school featured the evening Yuletide ceremonials.

REPORT OF DEATHS

For the Week Ending Dec. 22, 1923

Dec.
12—Adele Villandry, 55, diabetes.
14 Joseph D. Beaurivage, 42, heart disease.
Nora O'Hara, 22, pythisis.
15—Joseph Aubry, 7 d., cyanosis.
16—Phoebe Therrien, 61, lob. pneumonia.
William P. Sheedy, 6, mit insufficiency.
17—Michael Nasick, 8 d., prem. birth.
Mary M. Hadley, 85, cer. hemorrhage.
Yvette Turcotte, 6, tub. meningitis.
18 Nicholas K. Peters, 2 m., bronchopneumonia.
Mary M. Flanagan, 6 m., inanition.
19 Nicholas Zoukas, 3 m., gas-ro-enteritis.
20 Thomas Stott, 75, arterio-sclerosis.
Michael Sullivan, 6a, broncho-pneumonia.
Albert Lario, 56, epilepsy.
Armand Rivet, 40 fracture of skull.
21 Charles Larette, 78, arterio-sclerosis.
Joseph G. Lorgers, ? d., atelectasis.

STEPHEN FLYNN,
City Clerk.

AT ASSOCIATE HALL

Christmas night will be the last appearance of "Mal" Hallett and his celebrated orchestra in Lowell for this organization has been engaged to play for a well known photograph company and upon expiration of its contract will play exclusively at Roseland Dancing Palace in New York city. On both Monday night and Tuesday night there will be farewell parties at Associate hall featuring a battle of music between Hallett's orchestra and Miner-Doyle's outfit. Christmas night will positively be the final appearance of Mal Hallett in Lowell, therefore it will be your last opportunity to hear this splendid orchestra. Associate hall offers the best music and best dancing surface in the city and one may spend a most enjoyable evening. Don't forget Christmas eve and Christmas night, a battle of music will be the attraction and farewell to

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SILK SKIRTS	$2.95 to $6.95
COTTON BLOUSES	$1.95 to $9.95
FLANNELETTE PAJAMAS	$1.98 to $2.98
ENVELOPE CHEMISE	$1.00 to $3.98
GRASS BASKETS	75c to $2.00
STATIONERY	25c to $3.50
UMBRELLAS	$1.00 to $15.00
COMFY SLIPPERS	$1.75 to $2.25
SEWING BASKETS	50c to $10.00
NEEDLE BOOKS	29c to $3.50
RUBBER APRONS	29c to $1.39
SILK HOSIERY	$1.65 to $5.25
SPORT HOSIERY	$1.00 to $5.00
GLOVES	$2.25 to $3.75
RIBBON NOVELTIES	19c to $2.98
PERFUMES	50c to $11.00
TOILET WATERS	50c to $6.00
PYRALIN IVORY	25c to $8.00
HAND BAGS	$1.00 to $10.00
WEEK-END BAGS	$5.00 to $19.00
MANICURE ROLLS	$1.00 to $7.50
BEADED BAGS	$3.50 to $19.00
OILETTES	50c
CANDLE STICKS	$1.69 to $15.00
SILVERWARE	$1.00 to $30.00
CUT GLASS	$2.50 to $10.00
TRUNKS	$7.75 to $25.00
BAGS	$4.50 to $15.00
TURKISH BATH SETS	$1.39 to $7.50
LINEN PATTERN CLOTHS	$3.98 to $22.00
CLOTH AND NAPKIN SETS	$3.39 to $27.00
LINEN TOWELS	49c to $4.00
BATH RUGS	$1.25 to $3.00
EMBROIDERED PILLOW CASES	$1.29 to $3.25 pair
LINEN TEA NAPKINS	$5.50 doz.
TEA CLOTHS	$2.98 to $4.25
WOOL DRESS PATTERNS	$3.00 to $8.00 yd.
BABIES' ROMPERS	98c to $3.50
BABIES' KNIT BONNETS	$1.25 to $4.98
BABIES' STUFFED GOATS	$2.98
BABIES' IVORY TOILET SETS	98c to $4.98
TIES	50c to $2.00
SHIRTS	$1.25 to $6.50
HOSIERY	25c to $2.00
SWEATERS	$5.00 to $12.00
GLOVES	50c to $10.00
BATHROBES	$5.00 to $12.50
HOUSE JACKETS	$7.00 to [illegible]
PAJAMAS	$1.50 to $4.00
UNION SUITS	$1.50 to $7.50
NIGHT SHIRTS	$2.00
UMBRELLAS	$2.00 to $7.50
COMFY SLIPPERS	$2.00 to $4.00
BILL FOLDS	59c to $6.00
COLLAR BAGS	$2.25 to $3.00

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YOUTHS' OVERCOATS	$10.00 to $18.00
PANTS	$1.00 to $3.00
MACKINAWS	$7.50 to $12.00
BLOUSES	50c to $1.50
BOYS' CAPS	50c to $1.50
HOCKEY CAPS	50c to $1.00
"TIM" CAPS	$1.65
"EAGLE" CAPS	$1.25
MEN'S CAPS	50c to $1.50
MEN'S SWEATERS	$2.00 to $5.00
MEN'S SHEEPKIN COAT	$10.00 to $20.00
FLANNEL SHIRTS	$1.00 to $5.00
MEN'S HOSE	25c to 69c
BRACES	25c to 50c
UMBRELLAS	$1.00 to $2.00
COTTON PUFFS	$5.00 to $10.00
WOOL PUFFS	$7.50 to $25.00
DOWN PUFFS	$15.00 to $30.00
WOOL BLANKETS	$6.95 to $27.50
TWO-IN-ONE BLANKETS	$5.00 to $7.50
BATH ROBE BLANKETS	$2.95 to $4.95
COMFORTABLE BLANKETS	$4.50 to $7.50
BED SPECIALS	$2.00 to $7.50
FANCY BED SETS	$7.50 to $10.00
PYREX GLASSWARE	75c to $14.50
BREAD MAKERS	$2.98 and $3.93
CASSEROLES	$3.75 to $7.98
SERVING DISHES	$4.98 to $8.98
PERCOLATORS	$1.69 to $6.98
TEA POTS	$1.59 to $3.75
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CEDAR CHESTS	$25.00 to $42.50
LAMPS	$19.50
FANCY APRONS	50c to $1.00
SCARFS	95c
WAISTS	$1.00 to $2.95
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THE CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

The municipal Christmas tree is now the vogue, the cynosure of all eyes, the objective of the masses who will attend the Auditorium exercises tonight. The tree is beautifully illuminated and around it on the lawn of the Memorial Auditorium will be held some of the main features of the municipal observance.

What a different spirit exists today from that of fifty years ago when the mills continued to work on Christmas day and the employes had no opportunity to attend religious services except before or after work. Even in this aspect of the present day observance, the people have reason to rejoice. The Christmas feast is now recognized throughout the land, and the factories declare a brief vacation in order to permit its general observance. Even the big railroad corporations that we were told "had no souls" are now sending out Christmas greetings to all their employes and are ready to provide for the comfort or relief of those who are in need of such attention. All this shows the growth of the Christian spirit where formerly it might have existed but was never made so manifest.

But it is in the religious aspect that Christmas as the anniversary of the Nativity has the most significance, in its commemoration of the one primal event in fulfilment of the prophecy of a Messiah, a Redeemer who came in the person of Christ, the Savior. Well may all Christians rejoice in celebrating the event that was signalized by the herald angels singing "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," the refrain of which has come down the ages and is now taken up and sung by the myriads of carolers all over the earth on every Christmas eve.

It is in this spirit that the Christmas is most appropriately celebrated by all who rejoice in man's redemption and the prospect of the steady progress of Christ's kingdom on earth until all mankind comes under His benign sway and elects to prohibit destructive wars and comply with the Christian injunction—love one another so that all can devoutly sing in unison at Christmas tide.

"Glory to God in the highest,
And peace on earth to men of good will."

It is in this spirit that The Sun extends the greetings of the season and wishes to all its readers a merry and happy Christmas.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

It would seem that oratory is fast becoming a lost art. For some years past there has been a very noticeable lack of interest in the art of public speaking in this city. Twenty-five years ago we had several distinguished orators. It was then quite easy to select a professional man to deliver an oration upon almost any subject; but for some years past, such efforts seem to have become unpopular. Whether it is the absence of men accomplished in the art of orators, or a change in public sentiment that has brought about a lack of appreciation of the oratorical art, is difficult to say. It is a fact, however that we cannot point to as many accomplished public speakers in the community today as we had twenty or twenty-five years ago.

What has brought about this change? Is it any different method of instruction in our public schools, or is it the result of the moving pictures which have displaced the spoken drama and almost banished the dramatic art from the stage? This is a matter that might engage the serious attention of our educators.

It is gratifying to know that we seem to be on the eve of a new era in which interest in oratory, elocution and public debates is likely to be revived. The University Extension division of the State Department of Education is doing excellent work in the direction of creating interest in public speaking. Throughout the state, it is organizing classes for the practice of public speaking; and young men are thus offered a splendid opportunity of developing their talents in this direction. Through these classes hundreds of students have already acquired the ability to acquit themselves with credit in public addresses. They are enabled to overcome their natural timidity before audiences, so that instead of being embarrassed, they find enjoyment in being able to speak with ease in public. While such classes have had great professional value for salesmen, teachers, executives and all others called upon to address public gatherings, their greatest value consists in the training offered the students for the better performance of their civic duties.

No preparation for citizenship can be more practical than that which teaches men and women to get on their feet and talk easily and confidently, training them to observe the rules which govern parliamentary bodies, and through extensive practice and debate to argue logically and detect the fallacies in the arguments of others.

The decision of the Knights of Columbus and other organizations to establish debating societies is an outcome of the revival of interest in public speaking. The art of debating or disputation, is of great value in training young men to investigate public questions, to find the facts from different sources for and against a certain hypothesis, and thus to enable them to arrive at accurate conclusions. Oratory as an art is very useful, but in order to be most effective, it must be used logically, judiciously and in accordance with the facts in any particular case as this alone will carry persuasion and influence an audience.

It is desirable, therefore, that all those movements for promoting the art of public speaking, public disputation and even the dramatic art, be encouraged. The Department of University Extension is soon to organize another class in public speaking here with an instructor well qualified to train students in this important art. It should be well patronized as it offers to every student a great opportunity for self advancement.

ACTION BY UNEMPLOYED

In Italy, leading financiers hold the general view that more than 1,500,000 British unemployed men and women are bringing pressure on the British government for a solution of the reparations problem between France and Germany, being convinced that unemployment at home has been chiefly caused by the French action in the Ruhr.

The French semi-official press has recently been taking a more conciliatory attitude, which is ascribed to the fact that, as a consequence of the democratic leanings of the new British parliament and the democratic tendency expected from French voters at the next elections in that country, the French government has become convinced that it would be better to seek an understanding soon with England than to risk a possible serious rupture with dire results, the consequence of which may be disastrous. Any such understandings, it is whispered, would be welcomed in Italy, where it is believed that an arrangement of that nature would distinctly improve even Italy's prospect for getting reparations.

BREAD AND PRICES

One large bread-manufacturing plant announces a reduction in price of small loaves to six cents per loaf. We hear every day of the improved application of science to bread manufacture. It is true that were it not for the improved appliances of machinery used in the production of bread on a large scale, the cost would be higher than it is today. On the other hand, no method has yet been discovered nor will it be discovered to produce any appreciable increased quantity of honest bread from a given amount of raw materials. But with the low price of wheat and the comparatively low price of flour a good many people wonder why the price of bread has not also come down.

GERMAN TOYS

Five years ago an American would have endangered his neck by suggesting that German toys would return to their former popularity in this country.

Yet the United States this year has bought more German toys, both in volume and in values than in any pre-war year.

Emotions cool quickly in America. Not so in Europe. If one were to believe all the reports of the stricken and demoralized conditions in Germany during the past year, it would seem that all industry was paralyzed and unable to function as formerly. The toy business of Germany tells a different story.

SEALSKINS

Learn something about furs, ladies: This year only 12,000 seals were killed for their furs in the rookeries of the Alaskan islands. Two thousand of these were sold, then the market went dead. Genuine sealskin is a drug on the market at the source.

The 2000 raw pelts were sold at $30 apiece. Farming is not the only industry where a great ocean lies between producer and consumer.

TELEPHONES

One farmhouse in eight has a telephone in our country. This does not mean much to a city man. But it does to an oldtimer who can recall when a farmer was often completely out of touch with the outside world except when he hitched up and went to town once a week.

Our generation is ending isolation and conquering distance. This has its advantages. But there is apt to be less individual thinking when there's too much contact with other minds.

Remember the warnings issued by Chief Scanlan of the fire department, relative to the danger of fires starting from the decorations of Christmas trees and the Santa Claus entertainments for children. This is a case in which a little vigilance may prevent loss, suffering and sorrow.

There is reason to believe that poisonous booze will be offered for sale around the holiday. The victims in such cases are usually those who are ready to take dangerous chances in drinking anything that has the odor of alcohol.

It is true that Mr. Bryan will present to the next democratic national convention the name of a southerner who is dry. He won't be a real southerner if you scan the antecedent books closely.

Possibly the life sentence of Philip E. Fox, former publicity agent for the Klans will have a good effect in preventing murder as a result of Klan activities or animosities arising therefrom.

SEEN AND HEARD

Some Mexican women are so beautiful they don't use rouge.

Every Christmas makes some bootlegger a millionaire.

Our congress adjourned for the holidays. They do it every year. It makes people happy.

The new talking movies are a success. Won't be popular. They will drown out the audience.

"End of Speed Limit" is a sign on a road in Erie county, Penn., at the entrance to a graveyard.

With feathers flying in all directions, C. C. Smith of Wilton, N. H., killed and dressed a chicken in exactly eight seconds before a crowd gasping with wonder, at the annual exhibit of the Fitchburg Poultry Fanciers' association, thus demonstrating his right to the title of "champion chicken-picker" of the world.

A Thought

The oppression of any people for opinion's sake has rarely had any other effect than to fix those opinions deeper, and render them more important.—Hosea Ballou.

Didn't Open It

Two explorers coming to an ancient tomb debated about opening it. "I judge," declared one, "this must date back about 4000 years. We shall find head dresses, jewels and gowns of a forgotten dynasty. All of which will be very interesting." He raised his pickax, but the other stayed his hand. "Hold," quoth his comrade, "and reflect. What styles are we about to unloose upon mankind?" They didn't open it.

Much Engaged

The young vacationist who had become engaged to the pretty girl received information that led him to question her. "Is it true that since you came here you've been engaged to Billy, Arthur, George and Harry as well as me?" The girl assumed an air of great dignity and hauteur. "What is that to you?" she demanded. "Just this," he replied, gently. "If it's so, and you have no objection, we fellows will all chip in together to buy an engagement ring."

Fortune Amazed

The Baltimore convention of 1852 which nominated Franklin Pierce for the presidency, engaged in prolonged balloting, according to a story told by Senator George Moses. Gen. Pierce and his intimates were gathered in his law office in Concord, N. H., and the general told his factotum to go down to the telegraph office to ask who had been nominated at Baltimore. The messenger presently returned, much agitated, and stammered: "Why Gen. Pierce, strange as it may seem and ridiculous as it may appear, they tell me you have been nominated for president."

Her Favorite Stick

Bluebelle's parents both played golf assiduously and her dad was always asserting that the girl ought to cut out some of her frivolity and take up the more serious things of life, golf preferred. So after a great deal of effort, he got her out on the links one day. They came home in due time, Bluebelle blooming, dad looking disgruntled. Mother was much interested in learning about the game. "Did Bluebelle go all the way around?" she asked. "She did," grunted father. "And what stick did the dear girl employ the most?" "Her lipstick, as usual."

Christmas Rendezvous

The shops are gay on the promenade,
Greens in the windows, all scarlet-starred.
On the frosty breeze, each crystal blow
Rivals in sheen the mistletoe.
The air is fraught with things that bless—
Lads and girls in their loveliness.
Home from college to mother and dad,
Dear little girl and lad.

Nonchalant as the young way be,
In rendezvous where all may see,
They cluster here, they cluster there,
Dispensing beauty, everywhere.

A vagrant glance of wide blue eyes:
The glad surprise
The answering glint—the ready touch
Of the lad with the shaggy coat and scarf.

They fashion the street to a merry mart,
And somehow, your heart gains a sweet content
You busy along with the youthful throng
Dear little girl and lad.

The times that bless
Lads and girls in their loveliness,
Home from college to mother and dad
Dear little girl and lad.

BY MARY GARRIGAN BARRY

SCOUT LEADER

Miss Alice Conway, Girl Scout regional director, does not believe the modern girl spends her 24 hours daily in sleeping, eating and selfish pleasure. "Today," she says, "some of the finest pieces of social work is being accomplished by girls in their teens and early twenties." Miss Conway is touring the country in the interests of volunteer trained leadership in the Scout movement.

TOM SIMS SAYS

Well, King of Greece got bred. Kicked out. And KING jobs are hard to get these days.

No other business is as slack right now as the kidnaping business.

A king job is hard to get and harder to hold after you get it.

Being a king is like being a movie star's husband. There is no future in either job.

Kings fly high and so do aviators. When either falls down on the job it's the last of them.

Maybe the fired king of Greece could come here and start a shoe shine stand or a cafe.

A cat may look at a king. Alley cats get the chance these days.

The king slipped in Greece.

Russia wants to trade with the United States. We could swap razors for Santa Claus whiskers.

Russians are the people who dance sitting down and sing like a house burning up.

We don't know how Russians keep the wolf away from the door, unless they eat them.

Wear a silly winter doesn't come in summer and summer in winter.

Russian names sound more like laundry marks or radio stations.

Some claim Russians throw the soap away and use the soap boxes for making speeches.

Russian whiskers will hide their Christmas necktie.

The Mexicans are fighting again. They should call this their New Year revolution.

Mexicans have to read the paper daily to see who is president.

Mexicans wear mushroom hats and have mushroom governments.

A Mexican looks like a mushroom from an airplane, but some of them are very poisonous.

Mexicans eat fat tamales, chile and tortillas and would like to eat other Mexicans.

EXTENSIVE PROGRAM FOR NEW BUSINESS

Merrimac Manufacturing company's extensive program for new business, started several weeks ago when this corporation exhibited many of its 1924 lines at the Boston textile show, is reported today to be securing good results already.

Present output of goods is not confined to any one variety familiar in Merrimac's price lists. There has been a steady demand in a fair-sized way for velveteens, plush and corduroys. While operations are not at all extensive at present, employment conditions are far better than they are in some other localities.

It is said that Lawrence & Co., who handle most if not all of the Merrimac fabrics at present, "spread themselves" in displaying at the recent show new productions of the Lowell textile plant, including fast pile velveteens, plush, dress corduroys, men's wear corduroys, furniture cloths, khaki cloth and navy goods.

Goods from the International Cotton mills, handled by Lawrence & Co. also, moreover, not forgetting the Merrimack and Pacific mills exhibits that all attracted attention from the trade.

by Dr. C. C. Robinson

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CANCER

According to Dr. W. A. Conley of New York, cancer now kills more people yearly than any other one disease. You may be pleased to learn that a group of physicians, who met recently in New York, founded a society for the scientific study and treatment of cancer.

The project of educating the general public in the essentials regarding cancer should be an every day affair, when such serious inroads are being made by this disease among our people. How soon this best be done is claiming the attention of this new society.

It is shown by some physicians and special reports that cancer claims more victims of the adult population. During the past 50 years, deaths from cancer have increased tripled. It is more prevalent among women than men.

The real cause of cancer, except in some external cases, when injury and irritation have played important parts, is not really known. No regulation or particular food seems to increase or diminish cancer cases. However, there is danger from long continued action or irritation of certain parts as the lips or nose.

If the layman will use due precaution and see to it that any form of irritation, any formation or [illegible] is treated by a competent physician at once, a cure may come [illegible]

Cancer in its early stages is not painful. This is an additional warning to use every means to ward it off. Some [illegible] of chemical ferments, [illegible] the direct result of food [illegible] to cause cancer [illegible] the majority of modern [illegible]

SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise party was tendered Miss [illegible] of Royston street and Mrs. [illegible] Pardee of Pardee avenue, [illegible] last evening, [illegible] of the two ladies. [illegible] many miscellaneous [illegible] beautifully decorated boxes [illegible] with fruit and candies. Mrs. [illegible] was the recipient of a beautiful [illegible] Mrs. Frank [illegible] made the presentations in behalf of those present. During the evening [illegible] comprising violin [illegible] piano selections and vocal [illegible] was given. Refreshments were served and a merry time was enjoyed by all present.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

The fallibility of eye-witnesses was the subject of a hot discussion in the police station recently. One visitor advanced the theory that one of the rarest finds of the police in a criminal case is an eye-witness who sees straight and remembers what he sees, not a person who merely saw what happened immediately after the completion of the crime. Supt. Atkinson agreed with him, much to my surprise and told of clever lawyers who have caused witnesses to make contradictory statements on cross-examination, simply because they were witnesses of what happened after the crime instead of the real occurrence. It has also been proven that many who actually see a certain accident happen or a crime committed are poor witnesses because they are unable to realize in time what is happening.

It is too bad that the Centralville residents will not support the postal station in their own district sufficiently to permit its continuance in operation. Until the station was located there, the residents considered it a great hardship to carry their bundles for mailing to the Middle street or main postoffice building. Now that they have their postal station they pass it by and add to the confusion already existing in the crowded Middle street office by bringing even their Christmas packages there. If the government decides to close the station, as it has threatened to do, the Centralville residents will have allowed one of their greatest improvements to fall by the wayside.

Since the accident a week ago in which the city's ambulance was wrecked, there has been considerable discussion as to whether ambulance drivers should have the right of way over all other traffic. To settle the discussion Police Superintendent Thos. R. Atkinson was asked for an opinion and said that the ambulance has the right of way, has also the right to cut corners and furthermore may pass to the left or traffic signals if the driver so desires. The only obligation imposed upon the driver is that the warning gong be sounded at intersecting streets and wherever else necessary.

The carol singers of yesteryear who used to travel about the city on Christmas eve and entertain with their pleasant music the stay-at-homes, will be heard tonight and in addition will be enjoyed by the radio, now a household article, and the phonograph. Tonight, in practically every broadcasting station throughout the land, Christmas programs are being given and these programs will be heard by the stay-at-homes with the same pleasure as were the carol singers in past years.

Shortly after reading the police superintendent's warning concerning pickpockets and snatch-thieves operating during the Christmas shopping rush, I had occasion to enter one of the down-town shops to do a little shopping. The first thing that attracted my attention on entering the store was a purse, hanging from a long strap held in the hand of a woman. The purse was open and exposed to the eyes and hands of all passersby was a large roll of bills and considerable silver.

SEE THE POINT?

The Sun has by far the largest circulation of any Lowell paper. Ninety per cent of Sun readers do not read any other Lowell newspaper. See the point, Mr. Advertiser?

BERTON BRALEY'S DAILY POEM

YE GOOD OLD SAINT NICK

We hear ye jingle of ye sleigh,
And gladly in our toil we pause
To welcome on thys Christmas Day
Ye fat and jolly Santa Claus;
He cometh down ye sootie flue
To humble eot or lordly hall
And singeth out hys loud halloo,
"A Merrie Christmas to You All."

Hys smile is broad, hys heart is warm,
He bringeth funne and right good cheer,
And be there calm or be there storm,
He cometh surely once a year.
And in our hearts he lights a glow,
Beneath hys magick spell we fall,
Till we, too, greet hot hhigh and low
Wyth "Merrie Christmas to You All."

Thys day he rules the world, hys laws
Are laws of love and peace and mirth;
Ah, would thatte gentle Santa Claus
Might ever govern on the earth!
Yette we are grateful thatte he brings
One Day of Joy for Great and Small,
One day when all ye planet rings
Wyth "Merrie Christmas to You All!"

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SUMMARY OF EARLY MORNING A. P. NEWS

French dirigible Dixmude late last night was hovering out of control over Fount Batabanine, 30 miles south of Medinin, Tunis, with 50 officers and men aboard, Paris advices state.

Cuernavaca, capital of the state of Morelos, Mexico, 40 miles from Mexico City, is captured by rebel troops under Gen. Figueroa, revolutionary headquarters states, while government forces claim capture of Puebla with 1000 prisoners.

Mrs. Margaret Weaver, arrested in Birmingham, last Saturday on an indictment charging her with being an accessory before the fact in the slaying of William S. Coburn, Ku Klux Klan attorney, decides not to fight extradition and goes to Atlanta where she is detained at headquarters.

New York clergymen in Sunday sermons conform to appeal in Bishop William T. Manning's diocesan letter for a "Christmas Truce" in the controversy between modern and conservative factions.

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes states in summary of enforcement activities that respect for the prohibition law is steadily growing throughout the country, as evidenced by lessening of indifference on the part of state and municipal authorities, banning of liquor by many leading clubs and hotels, breaking up of smuggling activities and strict enforcement by college authorities.

Cost of living increases 2.1 per cent between July 15 and Nov. 15, and dollar is now worth 60 cents, as compared with July, 1914 value, national industrial conference board states.

ST. GERTRUDE'S GUILD CHARITY SALE

Members of St. Gertrude's guild wish to thank all those who helped make their charity sale last Friday and Saturday, a success. The affair was conducted in the rooms of the Buick Automobile company in East Merrimack street, and to this company, the Prince-Cotter Co., and the Page Catering Co., the committee is especially grateful. The prize winners were as follows: Doll, Miss Catherine Murphy, 98 Chapel street; candles and vase, Mrs. William Kearn, 44 Osgood street; library scarf, Miss G. Mulvey, 64 Porter terrace; baby's white sweater and mittens, Miss Elizabeth Carmichael, 22 Rolfe street.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. PETER'S ORPHANAGE

The customary entertainment given the children of St. Peter's orphanage yearly at Christmas time, by a group of young people in the Highlands, was provided last Saturday night and proved a complete success, all the little guests having an uproariously good time. Elizabeth O'Dwyer and Agnes Cotter were in charge of the entertainment program, which was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Eileen Wholey; dance, Miss Agnes Cotter; song, Edward and Thomas Cotter; reading, Miss Isabel Wholey; piano solo, Miss Marion Hodnett; duet, the Misses Virginia and Flora Silver.

We wish you:
A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Lowell Belmont Shop

"XMAS TRUCE" IN CHURCH WAR

Bishop Manning's Request Generally Observed in Episcopal Churches

Indications That After Holidays it Will Rage With Renewed Vigor

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Indications were today that after the "Christmas truce" in the Protestant Episcopal church, the controversy between modernists and conservatives would rage with renewed vigor.

Bishop William T. Manning's request for the "truce" was generally observed yesterday but the controversy was referred to in printed copies of the sermon delivered by Dr. Leighton Parks at St. Bartholomew's a week ago last Sunday, and by Rev. Dr. William Norman Guthrie, pastor of St. Marks-In-the-Bouwerie in discussing the bible.

It has been the Sunday custom at St. Bartholomew's to distribute pamphlets of the preceding week's sermon. The pamphlets distributed yesterday were of an edited version of the "Lecture" in which Dr. Parks invited a trial for heresy.

The doctrine of the virgin birth, it said, was "clamped upon the church" during the middle ages on the basis of the doctrine of original sin. It was the conviction among those who did the "clamping," it added, that virginity was a higher state than marriage, and hence the story that Christ's mother was a virgin.

"The very foundations of our Protestantism will be shaken," the pamphlet declared, "if the bishops of the church attempt to answer questions of theology with ancient traditions. There was "no convincing evidence," it read, "that the bishops speak with the authority of scholarship."

Parishioners of St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie expect to hear next Sunday from Dr. Guthrie a declaration of his creed and an exposition of his position in his tilt with Bishop William T. Manning over pagan dancing by parish girls in ancient Greek costumes at church festivals. He announced yesterday he would give it to them then. "No book," Dr. Guthrie said, "is the word of God. Jesus Christ is the only word of God. No book can be inspired."

The appeal for the "Christmas truce" was used by Rev. Charles Francis Potter, pastor of the West Side Unitarian church, as the basis of a renewed attack upon conservatism.

Rev. Dr. Potter, who won the first of his series of debates last Thursday against Rev. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, asserted this was not the time for a truce, but for proclaiming aloud the declarations of the modernists. "What is the use," he asked, "of crying 'Peace, peace, peace' when there is no peace?"

Multitudes are crying for the "truth" and to deny them now would be "treacherous," Rev. Mr. Potter said. "No wonder," he added, "the blind priests of the old order want the new prophets to keep quiet. But they might as well try to dam the Mississippi river with waste paper."

LONG DAY FOR THE TRAFFIC SQUAD

Members of the traffic squad will remain on duty until the stores close at 9 o'clock tonight instead of leaving their posts at 6 o'clock. Orders to this effect were given the men this morning by Supt. Atkinson, who also detailed extra officers to traffic duty in the down-town section to protect the Christmas shoppers and keep traffic moving in an orderly manner.

JACK DEMPSEY'S FATHER ARRESTED

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 24.—Hiram Dempsey, father of Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight boxing champion, is free on bond of $300 after arrest on a charge of violating the prohibition laws. He was arrested in a local cafe Saturday night by a policeman who confiscated a flask from which Dempsey is said to have been pouring liquor for high balls.

SITUATION IN GREECE

Republicans Suggest Coalition Government if Venizelos Refuses to Return

ATHENS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—In the event that former Premier Venizelos returns a negative reply to the request of the council of ministers that he return to Greece, the republicans suggest that a coalition government be formed, to be composed of the four leading parties—the republicans, the liberals, the republican-liberals and the refugee group headed by Dr. Doxiades, minister of public relief.

George Roussos, former Greek minister at Washington and now chief of the Republican-Liberals, is one of the several political leaders favoring the coalition. However, many of the leading liberals oppose such a step, preferring to allow the republicans to have their fling at the difficult task of governing Greece. The feeling at present is that the republicans are sure to be quickly discredited and that the people will be obliged to call the liberals to power.

The week-end was devoted to conferences at which the political party chieftains endeavor to determine their future line of action.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR BOYS' CLUB MEMBERS

Lowell Boys club members—2000 or more—will receive their full mete of genuine Christmas good cheer of every well known brand, at a record-breaking celebration slated to be held at the club headquarters on Dutton street, tonight. Major Walter R. Jeyes will be Santa Claus pro tem with the accent on everything that means real Yuletide spirit and generosity.

Bags of Christmas gifts will be distributed to the boys by active members of the Lowell Rotary club, who are backing the celebration on Dutton street as of yore. But that isn't all the Rotarians are doing.

Many needy families are this year being taken care of with substantial gifts of both food and clothing. Rotarians are not saying much about this extra benevolence, preferring to perform their charity quietly. It is a fact, nevertheless, that many families in Lowell are to be provided for tomorrow with needed supplies, and some of the Rotarian gifts will consist of fuel as well.

The members gathered at the club rooms this noon, scores of them, for dinner and then a period of real toil. It was the busiest afternoon the Boys' club has seen in a long time. The job of packing the Christmas bags with good things for the big distribution this evening was the largest yet performed. Each bag contained ribbon candy, chocolates, nuts, apples and oranges. To needy boys there will be distributed 610 all wool mufflers, besides stockings, shoes, caps, underwear and overcoats.

Rotary club has already sent the usual checks to Rattles Home for Aged Men, French-American orphanage, Aker Home, St. Peter's orphanage, Day Nursery, O'Leary Home for Children, Salvation Army and Faith Home.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVED AT THE AUDITORIUM

Lowell's municipal Christmas observance will be held at the Memorial Auditorium tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. The entire program will be given indoors and it is expected that the seating accommodations of the hall will be taxed by the thousands who will wish to have a part in this public service.

The first program number will be a motion picture of a Christmas story having its setting in New York city. After greetings by Mayor John J. Donovan, the musical portion of the program will follow, with several of the church choirs taking part. An international flavor will be evident with the appearance of the choirs of the Polish National and Greek Orthodox churches. Community singing of familiar carols by the audience will be led by Albert Edmund Brown. Wilfred Kershaw will be at the organ.

In every respect this is a public observance, there being no tickets of admission or reserved seats.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES AT ALL SOULS CHURCH

Impressive candlelight services beautifully presented with highly appropriate ceremonials, featured the Christmas Sunday observance program at All Souls' church yesterday. The services began at 6 p. m. and were largely attended by young and old.

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Parish religious workers arranged the program for the purpose of impressing upon the young people of the church the true meaning of Christmas. The Young People's association of the church led in preparations for the evening service.

Mrs. Helen C. Taylor, organist, played the processional that led from the parish house to the church doors. Each marcher carried a candle. Large candles also burned on the chancel. As the young people marched in, they placed their candles in special holders on the communion table and about the chancel and then took seats in the chancel pews.

Rev. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr., pastor of the church, gave the young people an instructive talk on Christmas truths.

OLD COLONY R. R. WANTS TO ISSUE BONDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Old Colony Railroad Co., a subsidiary of the New Haven system, sought permission from the Interstate Commerce commission today to issue $3,500,000 in bonds; $3,000,000 to be used to meet maturing indebtedness and the remainder to be paid to the New Haven for advances it has made.

The Delaware & Hudson railroad asked the commission for permission to abandon a 13-mile branch line in New York, extending from Canada junction to a connection with the Grand Trunk railroad on the Canadian border.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

Elsie Pilcer, sister of the far-famed Harry Pilcer, international dancer, and Dudley Douglas, an equally noted dancer, will head the big Christmas week bill at the B. F. Keith Theatre, this week, beginning today. Two performances will be held tomorrow, beginning at the usual hours. She and Lee make another pair, a nutty combination, which ought to specialize about a lot of good cheer, and "The Wrecker," a comedy based on the law of the family, will surely cause laughter. Other acts which will appear on the bill are: Montana, the cowboy lariat in "The Spirit of Youth" and lariat; Keller Sisters and Black Teschow's cats. The picture for the week will be "The Kingdom Within."

RIALTO THEATRE

How would you like to get a real live husband for a Christmas present after he had been pronounced "Legally Dead" by the doctor? This is exactly what happens in the Milton Sills picture which opens at the Rialto theatre today and where it will be shown Christmas day and Wednesday.

"Legally Dead" occupies itself a great deal with the question of capital punishment. Its hero is a newspaper man who commits a minor crime and goes to prison in order to study criminals. He is caught in a web of circumstantial evidence after he is pardoned and is again thrown into the hands of the law on a murder charge. He is hanged! It is certainly unusual to have a hero of a photoplay treated this way, but then "Legally Dead" comes to the screen with the reputation of being a most unusual picture.

Of course, he is dead according to law, but a doctor, known the world over for his scientific work asks the prison authorities for the body and with the aid of adrenalin brings the corpse back to life! It is then that the story really starts. To begin with, his "widow" has already accepted the attentions of another suitor and this unusual situation complicates matters in a most embarrassing way for everybody concerned. Milton Sills, one of the screen's most popular leading men, plays the role of the dead-and-reborn man. Claire Adams, Herbert Fortier, Edwin Stanzig, Charles A. Stevenson and others of note handle the principal characterizations. Several of the most noted chemical and medical experts in the United States acted as technical advisers with William Parke, the director. The experts supervised the details of the scenes showing life being restored by the use of adrenalin.

"Success" is the title of the added feature and it is the kind of a picture that everybody likes to see—that is behind the scenes and of the theatre. The chief character is a Shakespearean actor who loses both his reputation and family by his dissipation and extravagance for liquor. He is ostracized by his fellow players and sinks to the lowest depths. Years go by and he secures work as a dresser for a young man who is called as one of the greatest living actors, who is appearing in a revival of "King Lear." The part in which the old actor excelled and was noted for. When the time came for the opening the actor suddenly took ill, and the old man takes the actors' place and gives the greatest performance of his life. The leading woman is his daughter, but she does not learn this until after the performance. The cast in the fine picture includes Naomi Childers, Brandon Tynan and Mary Astor.

Other pictures on the bill include a good comedy and a Pathe News.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

George M. Cohan's "Mary," regarded as one of the cleverest musical shows ever written from the pen of that famous humorist and satirist, opens tonight for a week's stay at the Lowell Opera House. "Mary" is to play a special matinee on Christmas Day at 2 o'clock and will also play a Friday matinee. The seat sale during the past week was the largest advance sale in the time that Al Luttringer has had control of the Opera House.

The Luttringer players are all back in Lowell refreshed from a week's vacation and this afternoon went through a dress rehearsal of the play. The great Cohanic masterpiece is being reproduced faithfully in its New York setting and all scenes, including the Love Nest scene, are given in their entirety. A number of specialty song and dance skits are brought into the play, John Rowe and Kathleen Keating both having some sweet numbers. A special chorus has been added to the show.

The engagement of "Mary" is limited for one week. The play is regarded by theatre-men everywhere as the premier stock release of the season and Mr. Luttringer, who booked it early in the year, saved it for a Christmas week offering. "A Merry Christmas week for Lowell" is the slogan back stage in the dressing rooms and all of the players are confident that "Mary" will come to triumph at her most performance. Seats may be reserved by phoning 261.

MERRIMACK SQUARE

The new William Fox offering, "St. Elmo" starring John Gilbert, now showing at the Merrimack Square theatre, has a history that is romance and thrills even rivals the story of the impassioned novel, Augusta J. Evans, author of "St. Elmo," and many other popular novels, published this book in 1866. In the screen version William Fox offers a striking dramatization of the dramatic, the impassioned St. Elmo. John Gilbert in the title role gives a performance that will make new friends for him. Barbara La Marr, as the girl who nearly ruins his life—the lasciverous, soft-spoken, feminine Janus—has a role that gives her ample opportunity to demonstrate her histrionic powers.

The other feature of the current program is "Yesterday's Wife," a notable drama of present-day life, with an all-star cast.

THE STRAND

"The Greatest Show on Earth," is the way Jackie Coogan's latest and biggest picture is advertised. "Circus Days" is its title, and it is being shown at the Strand for the first part of the week. Jackie is surely seen at his best in this offering. A supporting cast of unusual excellence is assisting the star. Hoot Gibson in "Rinky" is the second feature on the bill and this, too, is an extraordinary creation of the screen. Gibson provides numerous thrills, some good comedy and a pleasing romance. The usual comedy and weekly, as well as the musical numbers, help make the bill most commendable. Come early and avoid the crush.

CHELMSFORD HOLDS XMAS CELEBRATION

Unfavorable weather conditions failed to dampen the ardor of Chelmsford men, women and children who had planned last evening to gather around the community Christmas tree on the town common and duly celebrate Yuletide with gladsome ceremonials that included carol-singing and music by the Chelmsford brass band. The program was conducted in the town hall, starting at 8.30 o'clock.

The following village improvement committee had charge of the event: Charles H. Clough, president, Charles Nichols, vice-president; Mrs. C. A. Dane, secretary; J. F. Warren, treasurer, Mrs. C. V. Hazeltine, Mrs. Ralph P. Adams, Mrs. Garfield A. Davis, Royal P. Dutton, Walter H. McMahon, executive committee, H. W. Sturtevant, H. S. Cole, Mrs. H. E. Ellis, H. L. Parkhurst, Mrs. Charles H. Clough, Mrs. Ralph P. Adams and Charles H. Clough had charge of the community tree and lighting arrangements.

PLEADED GUILTY AND PAID $100

Federal Agents Sullivan and Hall, and officers Cooney, Moore, Liston and Leahey of the local liquor squad, raided a lodging house in Thorndike street last Saturday night, confiscated about 500 pints of alleged Christmas liquor and arrested Timothy Kane, the supposed owner of the property.

The latter was arraigned in district court today on a charge of illegal keeping and paid a fine of $100 on a plea of guilty to this offense. The seized goods consisted of red and white liquor, which was sold, according to officers, at $2 and $1 per pint, respectively.

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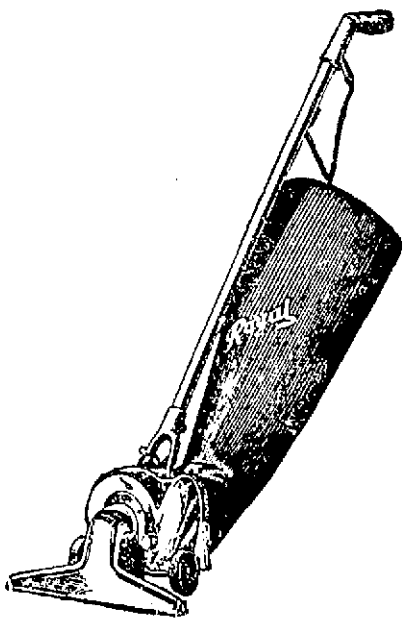

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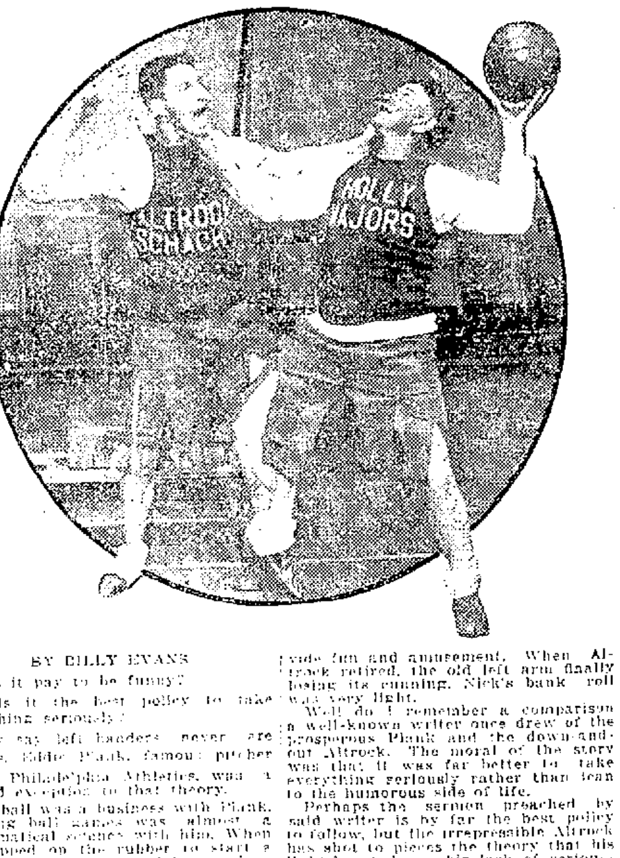

BY BILLY EVANS

Does it pay to be funny?

Or is it the best policy to take everything seriously?

They say left handers never are serious. Eddie Plank, famous pitcher of the Philadelphia Athletics, was a decided exception to that theory.

Baseball was a business with Plank. Winning ball games was almost a mathematical science with him. When he stepped on the rubber to start a ball game it was a mighty serious proposition.

Nick Altrock was the decided opposite of Plank. No matter how tense the situation, regardless of how thrilling the battle, Nick was always able to see a little humor in some phase of the setting, always able to smile.

Plank Was Thrifty

Eddie Plank was thrifty. That was a natural result of his viewpoint of the game. It was a business with Plank, a precarious business which might be cut short at any time. A slight injury to the arm and over night a pitcher drops from a big league star to minor league material. Plank intended to be fortified when the inevitable happened.

Eddie Plank quit baseball with a nice bank account to his credit. In social circles he would be considered well to do. He invested his savings in the automobile game and has a thriving business in his home town.

Easy come, easy go, was the motto Altrock followed during his days as a big league star. Money meant nothing in particular to Nick, other than the power it possessed to provide fun and amusement. When Altrock retired, the old left arm finally losing its cunning, Nick's bank roll was very light.

Well do I remember a comparison a well-known writer once drew of the prosperous Plank and the down-and-out Altrock. The moral of the story was that it was far better to take everything seriously rather than lean to the humorous side of life.

Perhaps the sermon preached by said writer is by far the best policy to follow, but the irrepressible Altrock has shot to pieces the theory that his light-heartedness, his lack of seriousness proved his downfall.

Turns Theory Around

Altrock, the baseball comedian, is today drawing a bigger salary for clowning than he ever did as a star pitcher. His salary as jester to his majesty, the baseball fan, is far greater than any the star pitchers of his day received.

Altrock has become an integral part of major league baseball. No world series would be complete without him and his partner, Al Schact, former big league pitcher. As a member of the Washington club he vies with the great Walter Johnson as a drawing card.

Now Altrock has broadened his field by taking up basketball. Nick doesn't play the strenuous game, but simply put over the pantomime of the ball field on the basketball floor. Nick being original has added some new stunts that have a basketball flavor.

Altrock has proved that a man can be a success without ever having a serious moment. With Nick, life is one long laugh after another, a round of pleasure.

URBAN SHOCKER IN BIG DEMAND

According to report, only Chicago and Detroit have failed to make some sort of a proposition to the Browns. However, it's a cinch that neither Cobb nor Chance would object to taking over the St. Louis star.

Shocker has never been successful against the Detroit club. The Tygers have always taken all kinds of liberties with his delivery. Perhaps that is one reason wyh Manager Cobb hasn't come to the front with an offer for Shocker.

Shocker is a great pitcher, perhaps the brainiest twirler in the American league. There is thought back of every ball he pitches. That is why he is so hard to beat. Incidentally he is a glutton for work and shines as a relief pitcher.

If he is traded by St. Louis the club that gets him will have added much strength to its pitching staff.

LONGEST RUN BACK

Chet Bowman, brilliant [illegible] star, caught the opening kickoff in the William and Mary game on his own goal line and hiked the full length of the gridiron, 100 yards, for a touchdown, aided by his own dazzling speed and fine interference. This was the longest run back of a kickoff the year developed.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The basketball schedule for the Junior high schools is as follows.

Jan. 4—Edson vs. Moody; Varnum vs. Butler.

Jan. 7—Morey vs. Bartlett; Moody vs. Butler.

Jan. 11—Morey vs. Edson; Varnum vs. Bartlett.

Jan. 14—Butler vs. Morey; Moody vs. Varnum.

Jan. 18—Edson vs. Bartlett; Morey vs. Moody.

Jan. 21—Varnum vs. Morey; Edson vs. Butler.

Jan. 25—Moody vs. Bartlett; Edson vs. Varnum.

Jan. 28—Butler vs. Bartlett; Edson vs. Moody.

Feb. 1—Butler vs. Varnum; Morey vs. Bartlett.

Feb. 4—Edson vs. Morey; Moody vs. Butler.

Feb. 8—Varnum vs. Bartlett; Butler vs. Morey.

Feb. 11—Varnum vs. Moody; Edson vs. Bartlett.

Feb. 15—Morey vs. Moody; Edson vs. Butler.

Feb. 18—Moody vs. Bartlett; Varnum vs. Morey.

Feb. 21—Butler vs. Bartlett; Varnum vs. Butler.

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RING REFEREE TODAY IS OFFICE BOY

BY JOE WILLIAMS

The new order of things in the boxing game by which a group of owl-eyed gents sit in grim, solemn judgment on the relative merits of two competing battlers, has eliminated one of the most picturesque institutions connected with the ancient sport—namely the famous referee.

Under the present system in vogue in important boxing centers, fight winners are determined by a majority vote participated in by two judges and a third man in the ring.

It was difficult in the old days—if fifteen or twenty years back may be said to represent an ancient period. In those times the referee was almost as important and distinguished as the celebrated punchers themselves and the business of selecting the official decision-maker involved much ceremony and deliberation.

Some of the notable referees of the past whose names come to mind at the moment were George Siler, Tim Hurst, Charley White, Honest John Kelly, Sam Austin, Jack Roche, and Jere Dunn.

Who are the famous referees of today?

Well, let's see—

So be it.

Haley One of the Best

Or in other words there are none—at least none who ranks as high as Siler, White and Hurst. Patsy Haley of New York is probably the best referee in the country today, but even Haley is not widely known. Harry Ertle of Jersey City seemed to be on his way to distinction as a referee until he made a spectacle of himself in a Georgia ring, giving three decisions in the McTigue-Stribling fight.

The manner in which sundry and divers commissions conduct championship fights has had considerable to do with the passing of the referee as a distinguished institution. In an exaggerated effort to purify the game the identity of the referee is kept secret until fight time. That is done to checkmate the vicious activities of bad, bad gamblers. One of the results of this system is that the modern referee seldom breaks into print.

From the standpoint of public interest the Dempsey-Firpo fight of last summer was one of the biggest international matches in the history of boxing. Had it been held in the old days the matter of the referee would have been a paramount consideration, and, until settled definitely, would have commanded as much publicity as the fighters themselves.

Unknown Handles Bout

Apparently it was little more than a detail with the New York commissioners. The assignment was given to Johnny Gallagher, an official with a limited local reputation. When it was announced at the ringside that Gallagher would referee, visiting scribes, years in the service of fight reporting, registered astonishment and demanded to know "Who in the heck Gallagher was?"

Gallagher proved to be an ordinary referee. He gave Firpo a long count in the first round which deprived Dempsey of a one-round knockout, and then he evened up by permitting the champion repeatedly to violate the rules of the ring. Gallagher was not deserving of censure; he did fairly well considering it was his first big fight.

This question might be pertinently asked: Why appoint an unknown to work the biggest fight of the year?

No, there are no great referees any more, and there aren't going to be any as long as the system of judges persists and boxing commissions continue to pose as super-moralists.

The Nut Cracker

by Joe Williams

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Man who set new record eating 54 hot-dogs found his honors empty but his stomach full!

New hot-dog champion willing to defend his title against all comers but insists that future contests be conducted under strict A. A. U. supervision.

Pessimists make best contenders for hot-dog championships because they are always growling about something.

Title aspirants will find they get better results by stroking the hot-dogs affectionately and calling them by first names.

What the world needs is a good two-handed spaghetti eating champion who doesn't care what happens to his nice new brown vest.

A hot-dog that barks and wags its tail at the same time is hard to understand and harder to digest.

To win a spaghetti eating bout one must develop a contortionist's appetite and a set of acrobatic tonsils.

YALE STAR GOES BLIND

Perry Hale, one of the greatest fullbacks ever turned out at Yale, has gone blind.

The name of Perry Hale will bring back to the followers of football the memory of Gordon Brown's great team of 1900. That Yale team beat Princeton 29-5 and the following week beat Harvard 28-0.

After graduating from Yale, Hale spent three years as coach at Ohio State university and Phillips Exeter academy.

Hale then took up his profession as a mining engineer. He was meeting with similar success to that which crowned his efforts on the gridiron.

While going over one of his big jobs, a premature explosion resulted in an accident that caused permanent blindness. Every effort to restore his lost sight has failed.

Hale, after years spent in the depths of despair, has finally become resigned to his fate and is once again the smiling Perry Hale of other days.

Hale lives at Portland, Conn. Recently he took a flier in politics and was elected tax collector of that town.

HIGHLAND QUINTET WINS FIRST MATCH

SPORTS B [illegible] HIGHLAND QUINTET

The Highland quintet opened its winter basketball schedule at the Y.M.C.A. Saturday night by trouncing the Turn Verein team of Manchester, N. H. to the tune of 47 to 12. The game was so easy for the local team that Coach Sawyer was able to give all his subs a chance to show their wares. The lineup:

HIGHLANDS		MANCHESTER
Patton, Barton	rf	
	lf	Lein, Wenzel
Belle, Denio	lf	rf, Berger
Douglas, Mason	c	c, Dietlein, Stock
Buchan, Mason	rg	rg, Dietrich
Ratchin, Smith	lg	lg, Harry Lein

Baskets from floor: Patton, 2; Belle, 9; Douglas, 7; Mason, 1; Buchan, 1; Ratchin, 2; Dietlein, 2; Stock, 2; Herbert Lein, 1; Harry Lein, 1. Baskets on fouls: Patton, 1; Olson, 1; Buchan, 1. Score: "Y" Highlands, 47; Manchester Turners, 12. Time: Two 20-minute periods. Referee: Towle, Andover. Timekeeper, Sutherland.

URBAN SHOCKER IN BIG DEMAND

Five clubs in the American league are said to be anxious to make a trade for Pitcher Urban Shocker of the St. Louis Browns.

TWO SINCLAIR HORSES TO COMPETE IN BIG RACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Two horses may carry the colors of an American owner, Harry F. Sinclair, in the running for the Ascot Gold cup, in England, next June.

Zev, the champion three-year-old and Grey Lag, a great five-year-old have been entered by Mr. Sinclair in keeping the promise he made after the Zev-Papyrus race to reciprocate the sportsmanship of Ben Irish, then owner of Papyrus, by having Zev meet his rival at the latter's home next season.

Whether Mr. Sinclair will send both horses seemed problematical today as since first considering sending Zev abroad, he has arranged for a series of sweepstake races for Zev with Epinard, the French champion, owned by Pierre Wertheimer. Epinard, however, will run in the Ascot cup race also and hence Zev and he would have equal disadvantage of crossing the Atlantic in their August races in this country. Papyrus also is expected to run in the Ascot.

Only once have American colors been carried to victory in the Ascot, Foxhall, owned by Foxhall and J. R. Keene, winning the classic in 1882. The race is at two and one-half miles, which fits Grey Lag, which is five years old, better than Zev. Grey Lag was taken out of training last June with sore feet, but Trainer Sam Hildreth evidently has him back in shape and plans to have him fit for a great effort next June. In the Ascot the horses carry weight for age.

ABBOTS WIN OVERTIME GAME FROM FALCOS

In a game that required two extra periods of play a goal by Cummings gave victory to the soccer team of Abbot Worsted of Forge Village over the Falcos at Tolyoke Saturday afternoon. The play marked the fourth round of the U. S. challenge cup soccer competition.

The only point of the game was scored with but four minutes of the second overtime period to be played. The lineups:

ABBOTT WORSTED	FALCOS
Oliphant, g	g, W. Gray
Cosgrove, rb	rb, Legar
McDade, lb	lb, Rankin
Crocket, rhb	rhb, Burnett
Kelly, chb	chb, A. Gray
McDermott, lhb	lhb, Izatt
Farquher, or	or, McIntyre
Kane, ir	ir, D. James Brown
Dunbar, cf	cf, John Brown
Cummings, il	il, Vroghey
Neil, ol	ol, Lorento

Score: Abbot Worsted 1. Goal: Cummings. Referee: Lambies. Time: 45m halves and two 15m. overtime periods.

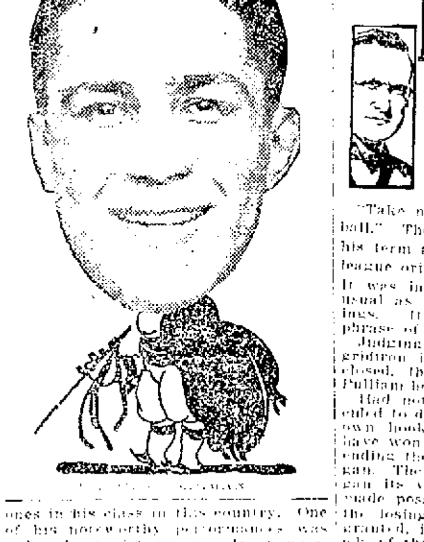
SPANIARD IN THE RING

BY JOE WILLIAMS

The prize fighting urge is cosmopolitan. No one nationality has a monopoly on the ambition to swing a mighty left, or duck a vicious right. Pancho Villa, for instance, came from the Philippines to win the flyweight title. Jack Dempsey is Irish, Benny Leonard Jewish, Harry Greb, German, and Firpo is a South American.

You find few Americans, and fewer Spaniards in the fighting game. A Spaniard who is making impressive gestures in the ring today is Emile Goozeman, a 122-pounder, who fights under the colors of Larry Lichtenstein of Chicago. Goozeman, christened Miquel de Ghuzmann, was born of Spanish parents who immigrated to California from the romantic city of Seville some years ago.

Goozeman has twice won the bantamweight championship of Australia, and has beaten many of the tough



ones in his class in this country. One of his noteworthy performances was a knockout victory over Joe Sanger, featherweight pride of Milwaukee. Sanger had just won from Sammy Mandell and was very much in the [illegible] spotlight when Goozeman came along and smacked him to sleep in the first round.

[illegible] likely that Goozeman will ever win the title, he is a slam-bang gent who swings from all angles, and with great fury. But being a Spaniard he is at least a novelty.

Joe Rivers, lightweight of note some years back, was always called a Mexican, but he was mostly Spanish. Probably the greatest Spanish fighter ever known to the ring was Daniel Mendoza, [illegible] old-timer who was a part of the early ring history in England. Mendoza fought at 160 pounds. Aurelio Herrera, lightweight, was the greatest Mexican the ring ever saw. Much better than Rivers, the Spanish-Mexican. Benny Chavez, bantamweight, another Mexican, was just a fair [illegible].

[illegible], lightweight, was one of the [illegible] Portuguese to attain distinction [illegible] the ring. George Chipulonis, better known as Chip, was the only [illegible] man ever to win a title. Chip [illegible] the middleweight championship [illegible] lose it to Al McCoy, an unknown [illegible] round. Knockout Brown [illegible] Chicago and Theo Antonopolus [illegible] the Greeks were two [illegible] picked up more than one [illegible] in the ring. Rudy Unholz [illegible] lightweight, was born at [illegible] the [illegible].

[illegible] knew him as Kid Williams [illegible] from Copenhagen, [illegible] who the bantamweight title [illegible] Young Griffo and Bob Fitzsimmons [illegible] of the immortals, were [illegible] Joe Walcott probably the [illegible] 145-pounder that ever lived [illegible] from Barbadoes, West Indies.

[illegible] French and English fights [illegible] Spaniards [illegible] Mexicans [illegible] have [illegible]

[illegible] interesting to see just far [illegible] Goozeman goes, or comes, [illegible] direction may be.

REAL FIGHTING CARD FOR ELKS' SHOW

A real fighting card has been arranged for the Elks' show to be staged under the auspices of the Moody club in Crescent rink on next Thursday night. Five bouts are on the program, four scheduled for eight rounds and one listed for six stanzas.

Annually President Dodge of the Moody club sets aside one night near the Christmas holiday as Elks' night, when he arranges and presents an evening's boxing entertainment for the benefit of the charity fund maintained by the local lodge. It usually draws a packed house, with members, friends of the members, lovers of the sport and supporters of the charitable characteristics of the order, turning out to swell the fund.

But aside from the worthy object of the affair the bouts themselves ought to prove a great magnet. No champions are listed, but real action producers are there in every number.

Tommy Fall and Frankie Hebert, local flyweight rivals, are to meet in the final eight round event. This pair of midgets promise to uncover a lot of fireworks. Considerable rivalry exists between them and both are training hard for the battle.

Another bout that is creating much interest is that between Frankie Cryan, the Lawrence kayo artist and Nick Madeona, the Lexington minute man. Both are terrific hitters and the first to get the haymaker over will win.

There will be three other good bouts.

HEBERT'S MANAGER REPLIES TO DUFFY

Punch Mayo, manager of Frankie Hebert, in reply to the statement of James Duffy, recently published, submits the following:

Sporting Editor, Lowell Sun, Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir: I was very much amused by a letter which I read in your columns a few dayes ago, signed by the father of Johnny Duffy, so-called flyweight, and alleged to be the city's best. Of course, anyone who read that letter and who knows anything about local boxing conditions would not take it any more seriously than myself.

Mr. Duffy's comical letter is not any more comical than Johnny Duffy's record. One who does not know the difference between boxers might think from that letter of Mr. Duffy's that his boy was in the same class with Frankie Hebert. But the boxing public knows differently.

Johnny Duffy looked very good when he was waltzing with Benny O'Neill. In fact, the two of them came near being thrown out of the ring in their last match. Again let us take the Babe Adams-Johnny Duffy fight. Adams broke his hand in the second round or there is little doubt that Duffy would not have gone the distance, and do you remember what Frankie Hebert did to Adams?

Anyone who saw the two fights cannot compare Duffy with Hebert with any degree of judgment. However, if Duffy has got himself fooled bad enough to think that he can beat Hebert we can probably arrange something.

Duffy claims to be a flyweight, but Frankie will only require him to make 115 pounds, ringside. Of course, I would not ask a promoter to put on such a one-sided match but if Duffy's father and his letter-writing cabinet have got themselves kidded enough to think that Duffy can beat Hebert there are several gymnasiums in Lowell where this match can come off and, incidentally, Duffy will be able to make a tidy little sum for himself any time he defeats Hebert.

Thanking you for your space and hoping that this letter will stop any more ridiculous talk, I remain,

Very truly yours,

PUNCH MAYO,

Manager of Frankie Hebert.

Billy Evans Says

"Take nothing for granted in baseball." The late Harry Pulliam during his term as president of the National league originated that very apt adage.

It was inspired by a number of unusual as well as unexpected happenings. It has since become a pet phrase of baseball.

Judging from a number of unusual gridiron incidents in the season just closed, the thought coined by Mr. Pulliam holds equally well for football.

Had not the Wisconsin players decided to do a little officiating on their own hook, Illinois would probably have won the Big Ten title instead of ending the season in a tie with Michigan. The touchdown that gave Michigan its victory over Wisconsin was made possible because the players of the losing team took something for granted, instead of waiting for the o.k. of the presiding officials.

The attitude assumed by Wisconsin on a certain play gave a substitute Michigan quarterback a chance to become a hero.

Quarterback Rockwell of Michigan, in running with the ball was thrown to the ground as the result of contact with a Wisconsin player. He rolled several feet, regained his feet, and once more was on his way to the Wisconsin goal line. The stunt of dropping Rockwell was repeated several times. While Wisconsin was able to momentarily block his progress, none of the players succeeded in downing him. Seeing Rockwell fall to the ground several times, the secondary defense of the Wisconsin team relaxed, and he managed to cross the Wisconsin goal line. His score was allowed despite the strenuous protests of Wisconsin that he had been downed, the ball becoming dead.

Wisconsin players should have permitted the officials to do the thinking. It was a serious blunder for them to presume the player had been downed. It cost the game.

This brings to mind a story told me by Coach Zuppke of Illinois. In speaking to Green, the crack center of this year's team, I noticed that he addressed Green as referee. It struck me as a curious title and I asked an explanation. It seems in a game with Ohio State, Green, about to tackle a State player near the sidelines, decided the player had stepped out of bounds and [illegible] to make the tackle. The player continued his run 60 yards further toward the Illinois goal line before being brought down. When Green gave the explanation to Zuppke, the Illinois coach asked him since when he had taken up the job of referee. From that day to this Green has been known as "Ref." Needless to say that he never again failed to make a tackle, regardless of his thoughts as to the status of the player carrying the ball.

LIKES GRIDIRON SPORT

Eddie Collins, star second-sacker of the Chicago White Sox, who lives in the east, doesn't miss a big football game after the close of the baseball season. Collins, who is a graduate of Columbia, and played quarterback on the varsity, admits that as a collegian he much preferred the gridiron sport to the diamond.

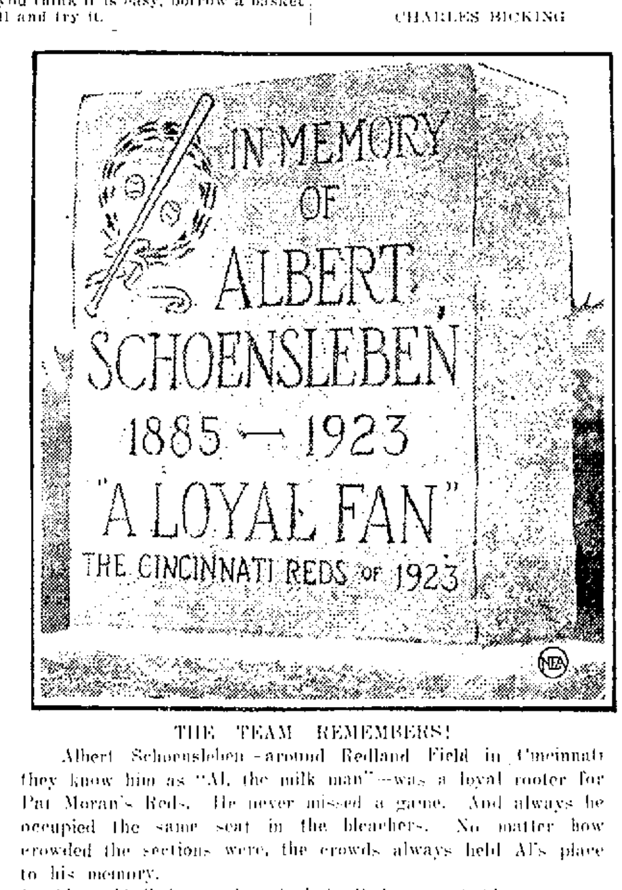
COLLEGIAN MAKES GOOD USE OF BIG HANDS

CHARLES BICKING

Back 16 years ago the New York club of the American League had a southpaw pitcher by the name of Harry Abels who could grab a ball in his left hand and completely envelop same. Abels was a pitching curiosity. Large hands are supposed to be a decided asset to a baseball pitcher since it enables him to get a much better grip on the ball. A majority of the star pitchers in the majors have big hands. It failed to work in Abel's case, however, as his stay in the majors was of short duration. He had plenty of stuff, but lacked control.

For years "Horse" Haggerty, star center of the New York Celtics, has been one of the curiosities of the basketball sport because of the way he can manipulate a basketball. A big pair of hands makes it possible for him to do all kinds of peculiar stunts with the ball to the embarrassment of the opposition.

Now comes a rival for Haggerty in the person of a college athlete, Charles Bicking, a lanky freshman at Wittenberg. In the picture Bicking is shown holding a basket ball at arms length. If you think it is easy, borrow a basket ball and try it.



THE TEAM REMEMBERS!

Albert Schoensleben—around Redland Field in Cincinnati they know him as "Al, the milk man"—was a loyal rooter for Pat Moran's Reds. He never missed a game. And always he occupied the same seat in the bleachers. No matter how crowded the sections were, the crowds always held Al's place for him. Al died recently. And the Reds erected this monument to his memory.

BOWLING

BARACA LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Highl'd Union M.E.	12	36	16,336
First Baptist	30	14	16,017
Centralville M. E.	24	20	15,692
N. Chelmsford Cong.	24	20	15,298
First Cong'l	21	23	15,128
Immanuel Baptist	15	29	15,169
Pawtucket Cong'l	12	32	15,064
Swedish M. E.	9	35	14,937

No games tonight.

GAMES MONDAY, DEC. 31.

Centralville vs. First Baptist.

Highland Union vs. Swedish M.E.

North Chelmsford vs. Pawtucket Congregational.

Immanuel Baptist vs. First Congregational.

Individual averages:

Entwistle 105, Flanders 102.11, Brown 102.10, Schonbom 101.2, Estes 100.25, Robinson 100.21, White 100.19, Perrin 99.20, Sinnitt 95.21, Panton 98.5, Trevors 98.1, Vance 98.2, E. Lamke 97.27, Lyness 97.11, A. Lemke 97.2, Belyes 96.18, Turner 96.16, Stack 96.9, Barr 95.21, Brock 95.11, MacIntyre 95.1, Huston 95, McQueen 94.22, Jess Harrison 94.23, Sanborne 94.12, Booth 93.19, MacDonald 93.18, Thurston 93.17, Maguire 93.14, Laurin 93.10, Bridgeford 92.21, L. Armstrong 92.15, A. Knox 92.1, W. Richards 91.22, Horndahl 91.22, Caster 91.22, Willis 91.1, O. Anderson 90.27, Ritchie 90.7, Mathews 90.2, Thomas 89.17, Wilson 89.14, Silcox 89.9, Kenyon 89.3, Bengston 89.2, Titterington 88.28, Wilkins 88.8, Jos. Harrison 88.5, C. Armstrong 87.15, Chapman 87.14, C. Richards 86.2, A. Schonbom 85.18.

MASS. COTTON MILLS LEAGUE

TEAM STANDING

	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Yard	34	14	16,647
Shop	34	14	16,371
Cloth	26	22	16,304
Spinning	2[illegible]	2[illegible]	16,2[illegible]2
Dress	20	28	16,105
Card	18	26	14,654
Dye House	18	30	16,676
Weave	1[illegible]	31	16,187

Individual averages

MASS. COTTON MILLS BOWLING LEAGUE AVERAGES

Labourdais 97.14, Soya 96.27, J. Higgs 96.10, Guiney 96.6, S. Williams 95.11, Nadeau 95.10, Cannarord 94.35, E. Perry 94.5, Hurst 93.30, Dennett 93.15, Eldridge 93.12, Callahan 93.3, Lyons 92.32, Harding 92.21, Heard, 92.6, McWilliams 92, Cudworth 91.27, Beaupre 91.21, Menard 91.19, Rostron 91.12, Piers 91.12, McKearney 90.21, St. John 90.20, Allen 90.16, Brown 90.12, Boyle 90.9, Brennan 90.8, Shipp 90.8, Sloan 90.8, Zimmy 90.8, Bettencourt 89.21, Angrcoll 89.9, Robarge 89, Brady 88.16, McAneer 88.11, Martin 88.1, Gardner 88, Foster 87.4, Desmarais 86.26, Duffy 85.21, Swanson 85.7, Booth 84.22, Mc-Higgs 83.21, Shields 83.18, Makara 83.8, Lettrall 83.2.

MOHAIR PLUSH LEAGUE

Wool.

Ferguson	93	119	85	297
Terry	88	91	86	265
Kilbridge	104	94	83	281
Southam	89	94	80	262
Lynch	117	98	103	318
Total	491	496	437	1423

WEAVE NO. [illegible]

Jack	[illegible]	1[illegible]	82	261
Whitehead	82	86	95	263
Clough	90	85	78	253
Rhodes	81	90	86	257

Hamilton	88	149	87	324
Totals	418	512	428	1358

QUILLING

Gallagher	85	82	73	240
McAvoy	97	80	109	256
Bernard	88	105	88	281
Harrison	90	110	94	294
H. Silcox	92	92	94	278
Totals	452	469	458	1379

FINISHERS

Tully	82	86	85	253
Foster	81	80	93	254
Gillis	82	98	96	276
Frier	62	80	97	249
Marsh	104	80	96	280
Totals	411	424	467	1302

SPINNING

Orrell	88	84	82	254
Collins	86	87	87	260
Dronin	96	80	102	278
Mitchell	86	85	99	269
Silcox	111	101	95	307
Totals	466	437	465	1368

WEAVE NO. 1

Chapman	97	91	62	250
Dawson	93	95	86	284
O'Brien	104	92	89	285
Stone	91	83	85	259
Hill	92	91	97	280
Totals	477	442	449	1368

LAWRENCE MFG. LEAGUE

SHIRT FOLD NO. 2

Sub	86	78	80	244
Bondeau	80	76	77	233
Boldue	75	80	83	238
Nichols	99	73	80	252
Vence	77	85	89	251
Totals	417	392	409	1218

SHIRT FOLD

Clay	94	80	105	279
Gagnon	87	78	81	246
Lassier	86	86	96	268
Vezina	89	96	80	265
Nault	112	91	86	289
Totals	468	431	448	1347

SHIRT FINISHING

Holt	89	90	97	276
Loranger	84	84	78	240
Hadley	76	71	80	227
Taylor	110	86	98	294
Totals	356	328	353	1038

SHOP (Forfeited)

DYE HOUSE

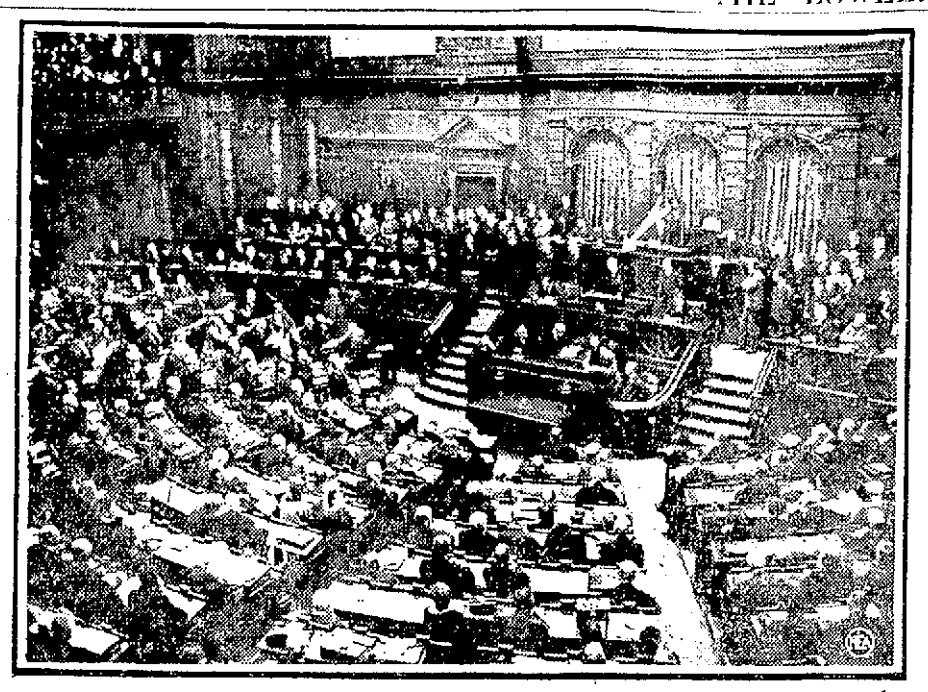
Dea	90	94	95	279
Sherburne	90	93	77	260
Sprince	78	87	77	242
Benoit	90	91	110	291
Totals	348	365	359	1072

INDEPENDENTS

Carpenter	89	87	87	263
Maille	81	87	83	251
Hamm	8[illegible]	108	84	277
Estabrook	93	92	102	287
Totals	346	374	359	1078

RUGBY STARS PRACTICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24. Fifty-five former Rugby stars turned out at Lawing field here yesterday for practice, preparatory to the selection of a Northern California rugby association team to compete in the Olympic games at Paris in 1924. In 1920, the local team won the Olympic games title.



DR MARX MAKES HIS FIRST ADDRESS

A remarkably clear view of the inside of the Reichstag, Berlin, showing the new German chancellor, Dr. Wilhelm Marx, making his first address before the body of lawmakers. Arrow indicates Marx. Note the peculiar construction of the chamber.

TRAGEDY SHOCKS TOWN

Wife's Christmas Card Infuriated Man to Take Six Lives, Including His Own

WHITEFIELD, Me., Dec. 24.—John Snow, the slayer, will be buried in "the most remote corner of the farm." Only town officials will be at his funeral. This afternoon the villagers will assemble in and about the little house at Cooper's Mills for the triple funeral services of the man's wife, his wife's grandmother and aunt.

Probably Tuesday afternoon there will be a double funeral service at the home of Deputy Sheriff Frank C. Dewett for his wife and 15-year-old son who fled under the ruthless fire of the madman who took six lives, including his own, Saturday.

18 Bullets in Bodies

Snow went to his wife's home in response to her Christmas greetings and invitation. Her well wishes for the yuletide were found in the slayer's pocket. She had told him she wanted him to come up to see her and to see their baby. He went, but with blood on his hands and then drew more, firing and repeatedly reloading his revolver. The medical examiner found 18 bullets in the bodies of the maniac's victims. A single shot ended his own life.

The baby, now universally called "Baby Snow," because the villagers do not know her name, has been taken into the family of a neighbor and will probably be brought up in the village, after court proceedings are set up to change her name and identity that the horror of her orphanage may be erased from all minds.

The folks of Whitefield openly declared yesterday that if John Snow had failed to take his own life they would have delivered him up to vengeance. They are typical God-fearing, law-abiding Maine folks, but they believe they would be justified.

Yesterday there was a strained feeling in the entire county of Lincoln. There has been no wanton destruction of human life in so many years that officials cannot recall an instance. From miles around came inquiries.

Out on the road leading beyond Cooper's mills the little home of Mrs. Brann, the aged grandmother who took Ida Hisler Snow and John Snow's baby into her home when the husband-father deserted them to ramble through the lumber camps, throngs gathered. For hours they were forbidden to approach to the house, as officials were completing their investigations. Later when the requirements were met and the scene was turned over to friends and relatives, preparations for the triple funeral were undertaken by neighbors.

YIELDS TO DEMANDS OF CREW

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. The Chinese crew of the British steamship Esther Dollar, lying in port, today threatened to leave the ship if the captain did not agree to take back to China for burial the body of a sailor who died at sea Dec. 18. The captain yielded.

SNOW AT BUFFALO, N. Y.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Four inches of snow fell here today.

Xmas Sweet Cider, Boyle Bros

Snow Gives Real Tone To Christmas Spirit

Continued

would think only of the slush that must of necessity follow snow looked upon the brighter side of things this morning. Memories of other Christmases as well as the joyous anticipation of the morrow sent a welcome tingle through the veins and somehow the spirit of the holiday seemed to be more than ever in the air.

Early in the wee hours of the morning the mysterious, all-powerful wand of Dame Nature was flourished and the worrisome rain was in a trice transformed into welcome snow. The young folks, who just couldn't get to sleep last night what with thoughts of Santa, his sleigh and reindeer, the size of the chimney, and the chances of being able to filch one of mother's stocking to hang up instead of their own, were drowsy indeed when awakened for their breakfast this morning.

"Gee, maw, there's no school and I ain't gotta get up," was the plaintive wail from many a young throat this morning that changed to a joyous cry from a fully awake and enthusiastic youngster as the words, "It's snowing" were heard.

There was magic in the snow this morning. Magic that reached to the heart of the old as well as the young, and did more than any one thing to make Christmas seem near and natural as of old.

To the hardened old cynics there came a softening of the stern lines that mark grim visages. To the young folks there came a light of genuine joy and unalloyed pleasure that brought a new sparkle to the eye and an even rosier color to the cheek. Simultaneously with the snow there entered the air the spirit of Christmas.

That spirit was in evidence everywhere today. Even in the downtown streets, where great masses of last-day gift-buyers surged and squirmed there was a jolly manner and dash of delightful near-familiarity among all. Umbrellas here, there, and everywhere, impeded the foot traffic and threatened many an eye or hat but could not ruffle a single disposition.

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The newsboys, barometer extraordinary of the generosity of the man in the street, had a prosperous if weary day. "Keep the change" was heard more cheerily and more often than even today and everywhere the smile that won't come off was readily flashed.

The snow seemed to "pep up" the tired sales forces of the many stores more than could just the day of rest yesterday and somehow the festive spirit of the day of days seemed to have imbued all.

"Tomorrow's Christmas" was the joyous password everywhere. The trains and taxis did a rushing business and on all sides could be seen the practice of that meaningful phrase indubitably connected with the morrow, "Peace on earth; good will to men."

WM. F. KEHOE, LABOR LEADER, DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William F. Kehoe, one of the most widely known labor leaders in New York and former secretary of the central trades and labor council of New York, died at his Brooklyn home last night after an illness of several months. Ill health caused him to resign the secretaryship recently. He was 35 years old.

ALL CHRISTENDOM TO CELEBRATE TOMORROW

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Christmas this year is unique in that for the first time in 500 years, almost all of Christendom in theory, will celebrate the day on Dec. 25.

This means that 125,000,000 people connected with the Eastern Orthodox National churches of which the Greek and Russian are chief, will join in the occasion with the others of the Christian world.

Until this year, members of these churches have followed the Julian calendar, which causes a gap of fourteen days between Christmas as observed in eastern and western churches. Now the Gregorian calendar of western churches has been adopted.

REPORT AVALANCHES IN SWITZERLAND

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Avalanches were reported today from many points in Switzerland and in French territory bordering on Switzerland and in the Pyrenees. Three snowslides occurred within a few hours of each other and considerable damage around the hotel at Leysin, Switzerland. Several of the open air clinics for lung patients were damaged and some of the Sisters of Mercy were injured. Several chalets were carried off.

An avalanche near Chambery buried a man whose body has not been recovered. The garage of the military hospital was damaged by the slide.

NEW $60,000 FOG SIGNALING STATION

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press) A $60,000 fog signaling station, erected on the north end of Admiralty Island, 20 miles south of here, has been completed by the government lighthouse service and will start operating Christmas day, according to an announcement issued by the lighthouse service officials.

The new station is considered the best equipped on the Alaskan coast.

A lighthouse valued at $175,000 is being constructed at Cape Spencer, 100 miles southwest of here.

SCORE OF R. R. WORKMEN HURT

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 24.—A score of men were hurt today when a work train in which they were riding was side-swiped by a ditch-digging engine in the West Sharon yards of the Big Four railroad yards at Sharonville, today.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The officers in charge of the army and navy recruiting districts in New England have sent out formal greetings to the personnel in the offices under their direction. Chief Water-tender Frederick and Sergeant Kimball, local recruiters, found themselves remembered in this morning's mail.

North Pole Santa is what [illegible] months to escape the cold weather. Among those at Asheville, N. C., is Miss C. L. Kreatler of Youngstown, O., who isn't worrying about the snows above the Mason and Dixon line.

COOLIDGE TO RESUBMIT NOMINATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Resubmission by President Coolidge of the nominations of Frederick L. Thompson of Mobile, Ala., and Bert E. Haney of Portland, Ore., as members of the shipping board, was indicated today after Senators McNary and Stanfield of Oregon had conferred with the president.

The nominations which were forwarded to the senate at the opening of the session and were approved by the senate commerce committee, were withdrawn by the president last week, after the committee had voted to report adversely on the nomination of Edward P. Farley of Chicago, now chairman of the board.

The president was described as withholding final decision but Senators McNary and Stanfield said they were satisfied that an appeal in behalf of Mr. Haney would be granted. Mr. Coolidge is understood to have told Senator Underwood of Alabama on Saturday that in any event the nomination of Mr. Thompson would be resubmitted.

Should the president's final decision involve the renomination of Commissioners Haney and Thompson he likely would have to select a chairman from the interior states or from the present membership of the board. In the latter case those most frequently mentioned are E. C. Plummer, of Bath, Me., and T. V. O'Connor of Buffalo, N. Y.

REPORT OF BIRTHS

Dec.

9—To Mr. and Mrs. Irene Bergeron, 103 School st., a son.

11—To Mr. and Mrs. William Duff, 212 Concord st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. William Brand, 124 Ford st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Oxeliphas Breton, 316 Aiken st., a daughter.

12—To Mr. and Mrs. John Winanki, 130 Fort Hill ave., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. William Vigeant, 736 Moody st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Alan McLean, Quigley ave., Chelmsford, Mass., a daughter.

13—To Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, 17 Gilbride terrace, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. McCarthy, 116 Boynton st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Antonio G. Mace, 10 East Richardson st., a daughter.

14—To Mr. and Mrs. Shmavon Manoogian, 8 Tyler st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Garbonki, 632 Market st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, 543 Moody st., a son.

15—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. McCabe, 10 Butterfield st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Kelley, 21 Middlesex Park, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fox, 55 A st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mapoulos, 71 Dummer st., a son
To Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Loreau, 179 Salem st., a son.

16—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warzocha, 168 Fayette st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, 45 Washington st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Godbout, 524 Merrimack st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Vigeant, 759 Merrimack st., a son.

17—To Mr. and Mrs. Nazarie Prudhome, 10 Lilley ave., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Frederic A. Whitney, 53 Florence ave., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Richardson, 254 E. Merrimack st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Wheeler, 145 Beacon st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Ireland, 83 Crosby st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Dzobek, 151 Lakeview ave., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. William Larkin, 72 West Fourth st., a son.

18—To Mr. and Mrs. Costas J. Tsaisos, 118 Lewis st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kitchen, 37 Fourth st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Richards, 158 New York st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Costa, 5 Cedar court, twin sons.

20—To Mr. and Mrs. Phillippe Lavallee, 81 Aiken avenue, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jos. C. Sheppard, 31 Waterford st., a daughter.

URGES LEGION AID DRIVE FOR C. M. T. C.

Lowell members of the American Legion have been called upon to help enroll Massachusetts' quota of young men for attendance at the citizens' military training camp at Camp Devens, in the summer of 1923. Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, state commander, has sent word to all commands in his jurisdiction that it is up to the comrades to secure the needed summer camp enrollments.

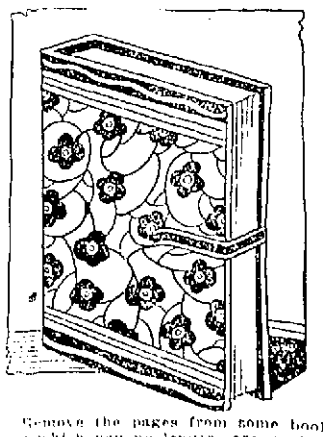
Lowell's acceptance of the call has been prompt. Action covering the commander's request will be taken promptly by the local legion organization, it was said today.

FLOWER BEDS IN FULL BUDS

GREENFIELD, Dec. 24.—A large bouquet of pink budded arbutus was picked by John Babbits of Petty Plain road near his home this morning. Many other buds of the flower were found nearby in full bud and will probably blossom in a day or two, unless cold weather sets in.

NICE FILE BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT

Nearly any woman would take more interest in the household accounts, bills and receipts that accumulate if she had an attractive place to keep them. Here is such a convenience.



Remove the pages from some book or which you no longer care, or buy a cheap one with board covers and discard the contents. Then cover the outside and inside with cretonne, [illegible] or any attractive material, bind the edge and put a pocket on each side cover to hold small memoranda and two ribbon ties and the gift is complete.

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—IN—

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COMEDY — — — OTHERS

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TODAY AND TOMORROW

A new and universal domestic drama

"What Wives Want"

With ETHEL TERRY and NILES WELCH

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"RANGE PATROL"

COMEDY and SERIAL

E. F. ALBEE'S RIALTO Merry Xmas

TODAY, CHRISTMAS DAY AND WEDNESDAY

If You Were Legally Dead, But Restored to Life by Science, Would You Be a Person, a Thing, a Ghost, a Memory, a Citizen, or What? ?

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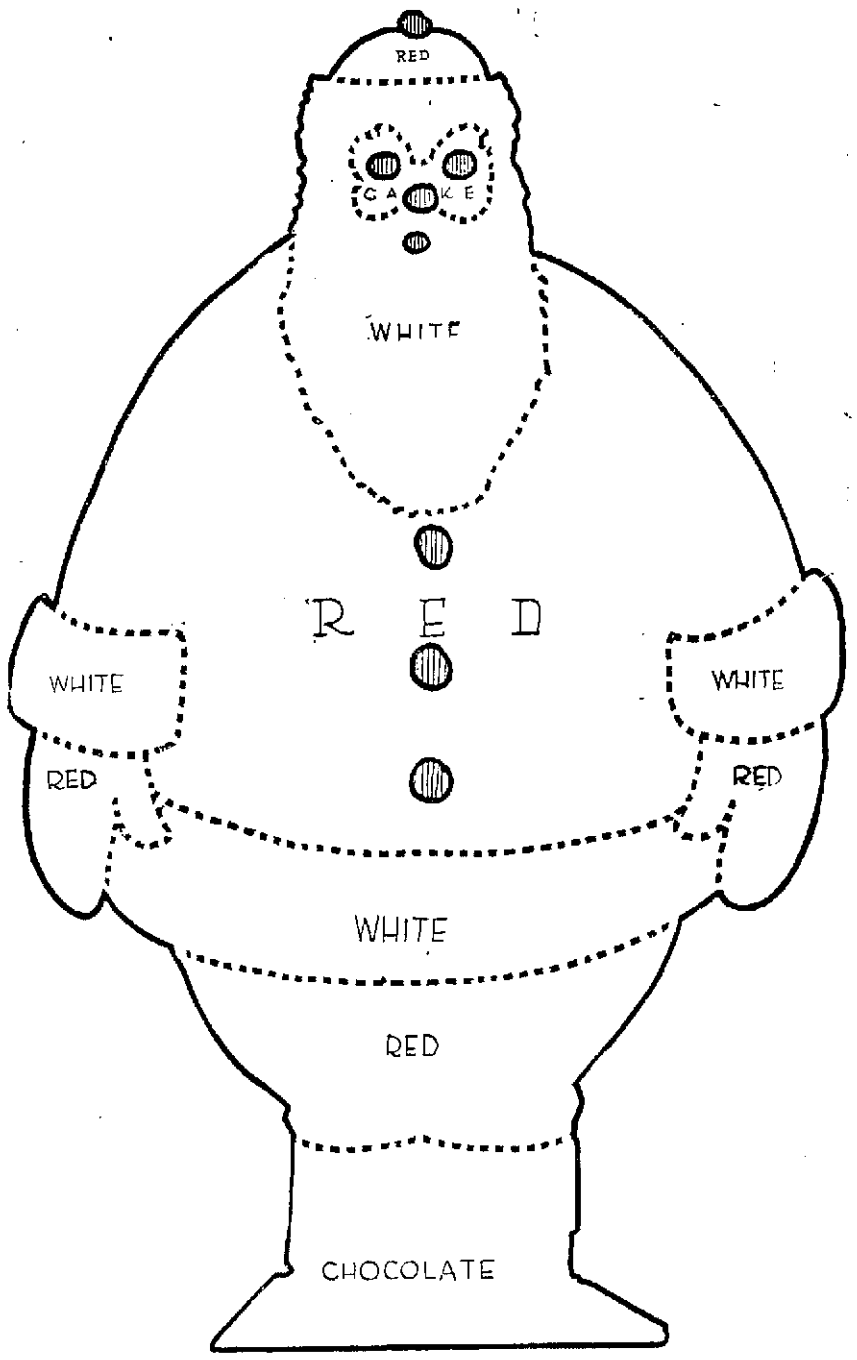

(By Sister Mary)

A novel Christmas delicacy, as well as a unique table decoration, is the Jack Horner pie I have devised for the main dinner.

Santa Claus of course must be the chief attraction, and so he is in this case. He's the Jack Horner pie!

To help you make a really artistic santa, this cut-out diagram is printed. After cutting it out, use it as a pattern for a cardboard base for cake and frosting.

A tiny tree may be set beside him, while on the other side is his pack, containing fancy cookies in the shape of reindeer and Christmas jokes done up in tin foil and attached to ribbons running to each seat. Jokes may also hang from the tree.

Two sheets of cake are baked in dripping pans and cut out with a sharp knife according to the pattern.

The Cake

Three cups sugar, 1-2 cup softened butter, 4 eggs, 2 cups milk, 4 cups flour, 4 teaspoons baking powder, 1-4 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Beat eggs until very light. Beat in sugar and softened butter. Add part of the flour and salt sifted together and one cup milk. Dissolve baking powder in remaining cup of milk and add. Add remaining flour and vanilla and beat vigorously for two minutes. Turn into two buttered and floured dripping pans and bake 30 minutes in a moderate oven.

Cut out with a sharp knife and attach to the cardboard with frosting. Then frost all over with the different colors to indicate Santa's boots, cap, coat and trousers.

Use melted chocolate for the boots and fondant icing colored red for his coat and trousers. The plain white icing makes the fur trimming around his coat and sleeves, cap, top of boots and beard.

The face is unfrosted with the eyes of currants, the nose of a split cranberry and the mouth covered with the white beard. A bright red cherry or cranberry tops his fur cap. Currant buttons add the finishing touch to his coat.

Spread the cardboard support with a liberal coating of the frosting reserved for this purpose or boil one-half cup sugar and two tablespoons water until a pale straw color and spread over cardboard. While warm, put cakes on the board.

Then beat the white of one egg lightly and add one tablespoon powdered sugar. Cover Santa, except boots and face, with this mixture, applying with a brush. Let stand over night. The fondant should be made and allowed to stand over night also.

Fondant

Two cups sugar, 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar, 1/2 cup water.

Mix sugar and cream of tartar; add water. Stir until well mixed. Put over slow fire and bring to boiling point. Watch carefully that sugar does not burn on bottom of pan before it is dissolved. As crystals form on sides of pan wipe them off with a cloth dipped in cold water.

Have pan of water close to pan of syrup. Cover fingers with cloth and dip into cold water. Swab few crystals, dip into cold water. Continue this until sides are clear.

Cover and let boil rapidly two minutes. Remove cover and boil slowly, wiping down crystals as they form. Boil until, a few drops tried in a saucer of cold water form soft ball when picked up with fingers. Ball must be firm enough to hold, but soft and pliable.

Remove instantly from fire and place pan in larger one of cold water. Let stand until cool. Beat with wooden spoon until creamery. When too stiff to beat turn onto a large platter and knead until soft.

Put in oiled bowl and let stand covered in cold place at least three hours.

When wanted to use soften over hot water to spread easily. Color three-fourths of the mixture with red vegetable coloring and flavor with oil of wintergreen. Flavor the white fondant with vanilla.

The jolliness of St. Nicholas depends on the cook. She can make his face as she will. If you would have the proverbial fat tummy and your cake rises evenly, use a few pieces of cake from the trimmings when the figure was cut to pad a bit before the frosting is put on.

The white of egg covering given to the cake is to insure the frosting sticking well.

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JACKIE BEGINS TO DOUBT SANTA'S EXISTENCE

JACKIE COOGAN

By N.E.A. Service

TOY LAND, North Pole, Dec 24.—Belief in a personal Santa Claus is slipping from the world's most famous boy.

From Jackie Coogan who, in so much as the Old Fellow shows partiality, has been a great favorite of the gift-bearing masqueradeer.

With Jackie about the Christmas tree this year stands that myriad of other boys and girls along about the age of 8 to 10 that annually faces disillusionment of earth's sweetest fable; profoundly or mildly shocked little folk who have penetrated the disguise of frosted whiskers and the padded tummy that shakes like a bowl full of jelly.

For the parents of these, at least for those parents who still are able to comprehend the perplexities of tiny, virgin souls, it is a tender problem to substitute Santa Claus, the symbol, for Santa the person.

Hard For Parents

The problem indeed, includes retention of the children's faith in father and mother, to greater or less degree, for is it not they who have reiterated Christmas after Christmas that there was a Santa Claus?

And here he is nothing but an empty old suit, nothing but an old wig, nothing but an old fake! Or, if he is something else, what is he? And if father and mother have "lied" about Santa Claus, what else will they "lie about? Father and mother who always make such a fuss about kids being truthful!

Sensitive parents understand that sensitive children put these speculations as they gaze upon a free sud denly turned to tree branches and tinsel by the dark magic of a thoughtless world or juvenile skepticism.

Sensitive parents will know that many a child, pretending a joy in presents suddenly shorn of the Santa Claus glamor, remains silent under this disillusionment only because of pride shamed at having been "duped."

Coogans' Way

Sensitive parents usually know how to meet the situation.

For those not so ingenious, there may be a hint in the way Jackie Coogan's elders have attempted to deal with the problem of aiding their 9-year-old from the personal Santa Claus to the symbolic the accompanying letter, smothered with foreign looking stamps and postmarked "en route," was received by Jackie a few days before Christmas.

In dim times, when precarious young faith shall have become stronger, the Coogans plan to tell Jackie how and why the letter was sent.

Read the letter—and Merry Christmas!

It has been brought to my attention by one of my many operatives working in and around Los Angeles (though I do not believe it), that you have been persuaded against me—that you no longer believe in me; that, indeed, you have even made fun of me.

Wise men, my dear Jackie, no matter how wise they be nor how old they grow, never make fun of Santa Claus. Long after many men lose faith in most things, they hold to faith in Santa Claus.

I refuse for the presents to erase the name of Jackie Coogan from my list. Only when you tell me that you no longer believe in me will I consent to efface that dear name—and how can you tell me that you don't believe in me? If you say even so much as that to me, I'll know that you do believe, for nobody would be so silly as to say something to somebody that isn't!

Santa Claus is the being that stands for loving-kindness, for giving, for faith and for love such as your mother and your father bear for you. Surely you believe in that!

I shall know, dear Jackie, whether you do believe in me, and I shall govern myself accordingly. It will be a saddened Christmas if you shut your heart against my love and your chimney against my visit. Please believe in

Yours truly,

(Signed) SANTA CLAUS.

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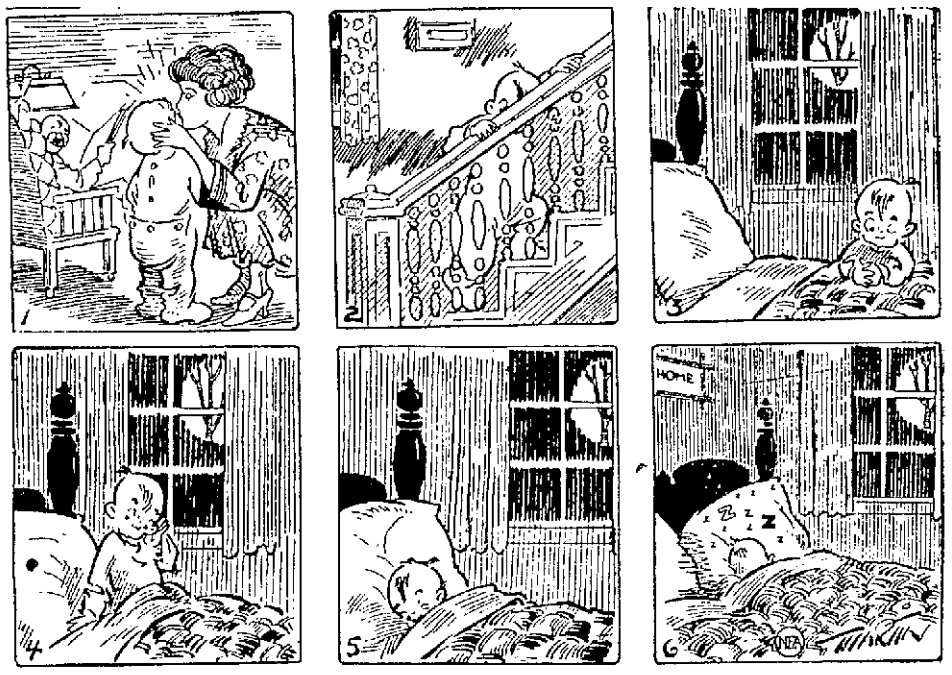

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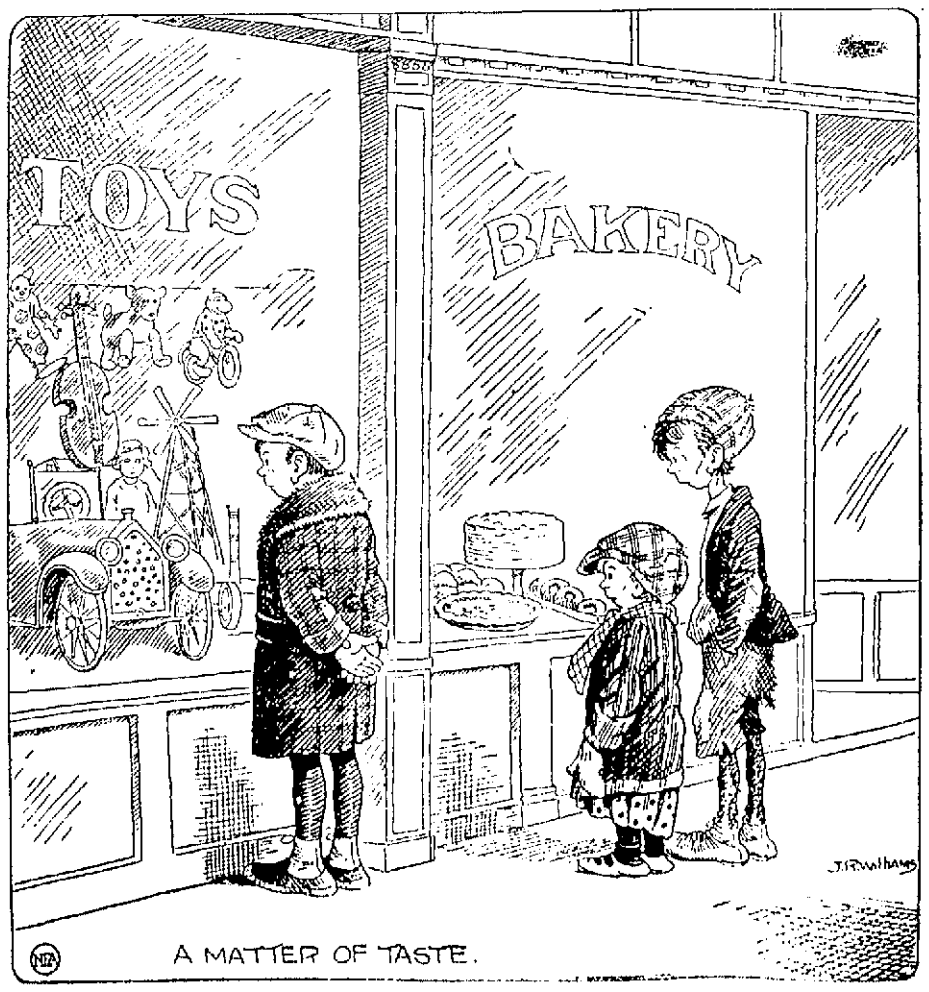

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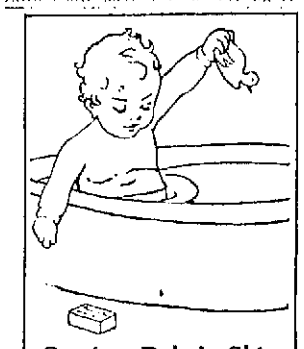

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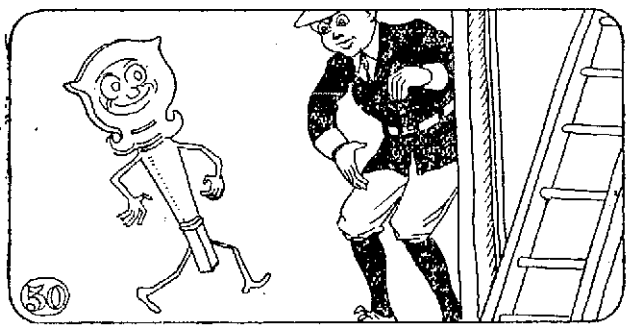
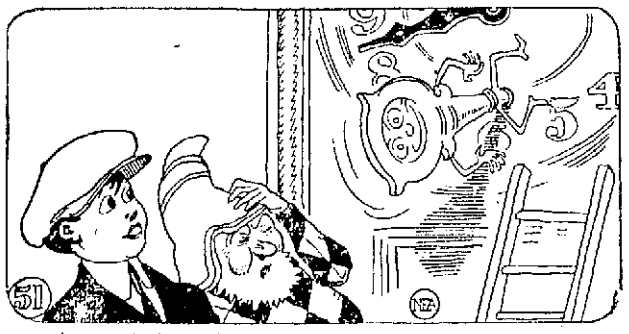
Jack Daw's Adventures. Chapter 17

Mr. Pendulum, who had almost fallen asleep, opened his eyes just as Mr. Hour Hand walked in. "Hurry up, there!" he shouted. "I want to get to swinging." And Mr. Hour Hand was soon spread out across the clock's face. But still the big clock failed to start. What could be the matter now?



Jack, himself, wondered what was keeping the clock from starting. And his wonder was answered when a tall, slim fellow with funny, thin body and big head walked in. It was Mr. Key and of course the clock couldn't start until Mr. Key wound it up and set the clock to ticking.



"Is everybody ready to start to work?" questioned Ticky, as Mr. Key turned 'round and 'round. A chorus of "yes" and "sure, you bet," came back in reply. And then a surprise startled Ticky and Jack. After Mr. Key finished winding the clock up, it was supposed to start. But it didn't. (Continued.)

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

by Olive Roberts Barton

A RIDDLE FOR GIRLS

"I have two eyes, a nose and mouth."

"Oh, dear!" sighed the Riddle Lady. "I'm afraid the boys won't like my riddle today. Or the grownups, either."

"Then it must be a little girl's riddle!" cried Nancy.

"Yes, it is!" answered the Riddle Lady.

"All the better!" said Humpty Dumpty. "I like girls. I don't shiver when they come near me. They are much more gentle than boys."

"But girls do more cooking so they break more eggs than boys," said Nick.

Humpty Dumpty gave him an indignant look and jerked down his white satin waistcoat. "A most unpleasant conversation," he declared. "Who started it, anyway?"

"I'm afraid you did yourself, Humpty Dumpty," laughed the Riddle Lady. "But there! There! We'll begin our riddle and get our minds off eggs."

"I have two eyes, a nose and mouth,
And two dear little ears,
But though my eyes will ope and shut,
They can't cry any tears.
And though I'm proud, as proud can be,
Of my nice little nose,
I never caught a cold in it,
And never smelled a rose.
My mouth is cute and just as red
As any red ripe berry,
I never tasted cake or bread,
And never ate a cherry.
I have five fingers on each hand,
Yet never held a book,
And though upon my feet I stand,
A step I never took.
I have a throat as white as milk,
But never said a word,
My hair's as soft as golden silk,
But does not grow, I've heard.
My heart, they say, is cold as stone,
And yet I love you all.
I never feel a bit alone,
For I'm a — — —!"

"A baby-doll!" cried Nancy quickly.

"Right!" smiled the Riddle Lady, handing her a doll for her prize.

"That was only a riddle about dolls," went on the Riddle Lady. "The truth is dolls can do wonderful things."

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Legal Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:— Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of Margaret T. Burns, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas James J. Kerwin, executor of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, legacies and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-eighth day of December, A. D., 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Notice is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of J. Melvin Wentworth, late of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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Nov. 23, 1923.

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Per order,
FRANCIS A. CONNOR,
Inspector of Public Buildings.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:— Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of John F. Howe, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, Charles J. Wier and Wheaton Kittredge, the trustees under the will of said deceased, have presented for allowance, the first account of their trust under said will:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-seventh day of December, A. D., 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed

And said trustees are ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts:— Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Julia Riley, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to James J. Kerwin, of Lowell, in said County, or to some other suitable person

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of December, A. D., 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

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Announcements

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BILL FOLDER lost Sunday night containing large sum of money, keys, registration and licenses. 220 Dutton st. Tel. 5571-M. Reward.

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To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of John Kisty, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Julius Kisty of Westford, in said County, without giving a surety on his bond, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of December, A. D., 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS 80

PIANO, UPRIGHT or Victor Victrola, wanted to buy. Tel. 5612-M.

BARGAINS in new and used pianos, player-pianos and victrolas at Hounsell's, 704 Bridge st., near Tenth st.

USED PIANOS—A few good bargains in used pianos and player pianos. Prices are right. Instruments guaranteed. Bon Marche.

MATTRESSES AND SPRINGS 81

OLD MATTRESSES made over and remade and repaired. Work called for and delivered. Phone 3692. West End Spring Bed Co., 88 Fletcher st.

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DOLL HOSPITAL—First class repairing, complete assortment of doll parts. Toy shop, basement section. Bon Marche Dry Goods Co.

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Rooms—Board

ROOMS FOR RENT 91

FURNISHED ROOM to let, in private family, all conveniences. 10 minutes from square. Call 1515-M.

Real Estate For Rent

APARTMENTS—TENEMENTS 94

5-ROOM TENEMENT to let, 21 Hancock avenue. Tel. 5179-M, or inquire Mrs. Barry, 2nd floor front.

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Real Estate For Sale

HOUSE FOR SALE 101

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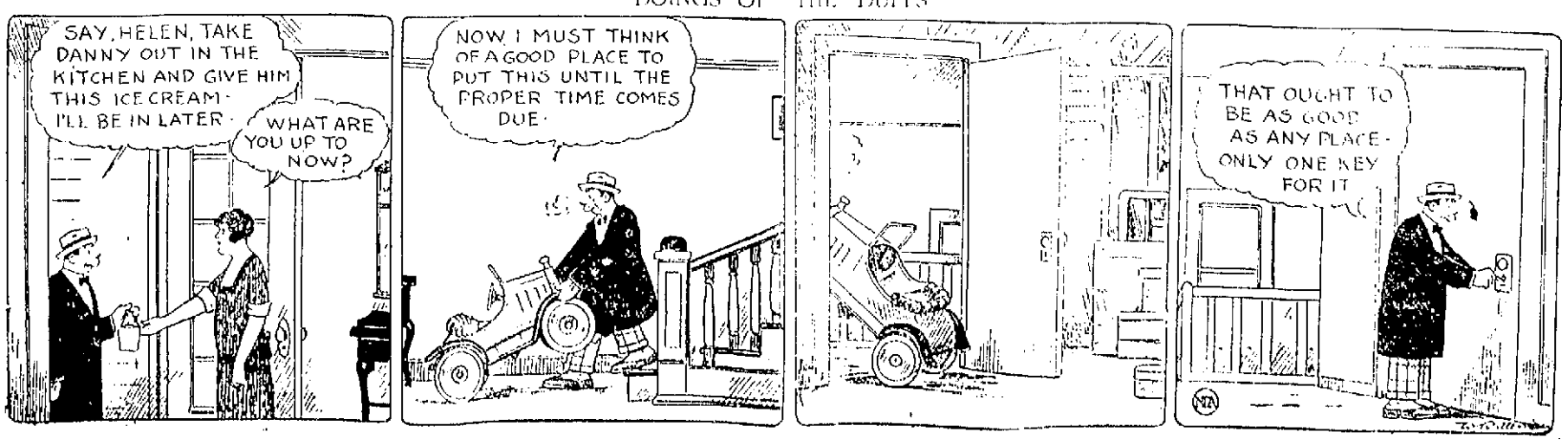
WANTED—REAL ESTATE 105

TENEMENT OR COTTAGE wanted in any good location, state price and particulars in first letter. I will pay cash for a good trade. Write H-88, Sun Office.

STORE to let, steam heat, up-to-date, [illegible] rent. 290 Merrimack st. Tel. [illegible]-W.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



LOWELL'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

THE LOWELL SUN

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1923

ROGERS BLAMES THE MILL MEN

Congressman Holds Them Responsible for Defeat of River Project

Lowell Mills Should Be More Generally Owned and Operated at Home

In a statement made public as result of the adverse report of the board of river and harbor engineers on the Merrimack river navigation project Congressman John Jacob Rogers places the blame for the defeat of the proposal at the feet of mill men who own and control Lowell textile industries.

"If our Lowell mills were more generally owned and officered at home the attitude of the opponents might have been different," he declares after saying that the mill men will have to assume the responsibility for the decision which ends all present hope for a navigable Merrimack.

One of the strongest declarations in the congressman's statement is when he says: "I do not believe that civilized nations can show a parallel for neglecting the improvement of a river potentially so valuable as the Merrimack."

His complete statement follows.

"The adverse decision upon the Merrimack river navigation project just handed down by Chief Engineer Lansing H. Beach, confirming the decision of the board of engineers for rivers and harbors, marks the end of a long struggle. Naturally I am greatly disappointed. For ten years I have given a very large share of my time and effort to securing favorable action at the hands of the war department, which is the necessary preliminary to the securing of favorable consideration by congress. At one time—in 1916—the war department endorsed the project and recommended an equal division of the engineering costs between the state and the nation. When in the spring of 1917 Massachusetts was called upon to confirm this arrangement and to make the necessary legislative provision, Governor McCall vetoed the bill which was passed by both branches of the general court. War was then imminent and he felt that the outlay was not warranted in the face of the emergency. After the war costs had risen and the war department took the view that further survey of the expenses involved was essential. For the last three or four years we have been proceeding step by step with this phase of the inquiry.

"Final arguments pro and con were held by the board of engineers last June. Representatives of the city government of Lowell and of our chamber of commerce and the three Merrimack river congressmen were heard on the affirmative side and representatives of the large Lowell mills argued against the improvement.

"The mill men will have to assume the responsibility (or from their point of view, may take the credit) for the decision ending all present hope of a navigable Merrimack. Both General Beach and the board of engineers make this very clear. Gen. Beach speaks of the impression made by the active opposition of many of these very interests, namely, the manufacturing establishment on the Merrimack river. The board of engineers says, referring to the representatives 'of many of the large industries,' that 'it appears that local sentiment is not as a whole favorable to the project' and mentions the significance of the fact that these concerns 'have in many cases gone on record as being actively opposed.'

"It is the old, old story of the house divided against itself. The board of engineers and the war department generally are constantly passing upon the river projects where the whole community, high and low, manufacturer and consumer, enthusiastically join hands in advocacy of the project in question. Naturally the war department take a dubious view of a proposal where there is a sharp division of opinion.

"I do not believe that any other country in the world—or any other part of this country—would have witnessed such a division of opinion. I do not believe that civilized nations can show a parallel for neglecting the improvement of a river potentially so valuable as the Merrimack. The New England railroad transportation system is so out of joint that it would seem that even stronger argument were present here than elsewhere. I believe that the cities of the Merrimack valley will suffer from and deplore the decision. I cannot help feeling, I hope I am wrong, that the attitude of the communities would have been different if our Lowell mills were more generally owned and officered at home."

PRESENTS 'THE MESSIAH'

Lowell Choral Society Gives Well Liked Oratorio at the Auditorium

Perfectly in keeping with the celebration of the natal day of the Christ child was the presentation of Handel's "The Messiah" by the Lowell Choral Society at the Auditorium Sunday afternoon. It is regrettable that the numerical size of the audience was not commensurate with the standards of production, but those who did attend felt well repaid. Again, it is to be hoped that the size of the audience did not truly represent the interest Lowell holds for its choral society, for it is an organization worthy of substantial support, inasmuch as it has contributed in splendid measure to the city's musical history.

However, the society itself may well consider the concert another success in its unbroken series of achievements, for from the musical standpoint it left little to be desired. The society was fortunate in having as assisting soloists Vesta Wicks Thyden, soprano; Marion Aubens Wise, contralto, Joseph Lautner, tenor, and Walter Kidder, basso. Wilfred Kershaw as organist gave the singers splendid support and the conducting of Eusebius G. Hood was productive of most excellent results.

In a consideration of "The Messiah" it is interesting to reflect upon the long span of years in which it has been sung and enjoyed as an oratorio in this country. Its first complete performance in the United States was at Boston on Christmas night, 1818, 105 years ago almost to a day. Its composition however, dates back to 1741, with its first performance coming in the following year at Dublin under Handl's personal direction.

EUSEBIUS G. HOOD
Conductor

With a text selected from the Scriptures and dealing directly with the birth of Christ, it is above all else a Christmas oratorio, to be sung at Christmas time and by its presentation yesterday the Choral society took a prominent part in this year's celebration in Lowell.

In the chorus yesterday were approximately 100 voices and although the text of "The Messiah" places much of the burden of presentation upon the soloists there are passages for the full choir which call for fine understanding of the theme and concerted part singing. In every particular the chorus acquitted itself finely, answering not only the demands of the composition, but the conductor's baton in faultless manner. Always an inspiration, the Hallelujah chorus showed the choir in its best mood and the audience was quick to show its appreciation. The other chorus passages were sung with equal feeling to round out a most praiseworthy achievement.

Mr. Lautner showed in his opening recitative that his voice was adequate for the task and his following arias more than bore out this conviction. His tenor voice is handled with ease and skill and he has in addition the attribute of flexibility as clearly shown in the aria directly following the first recitative.

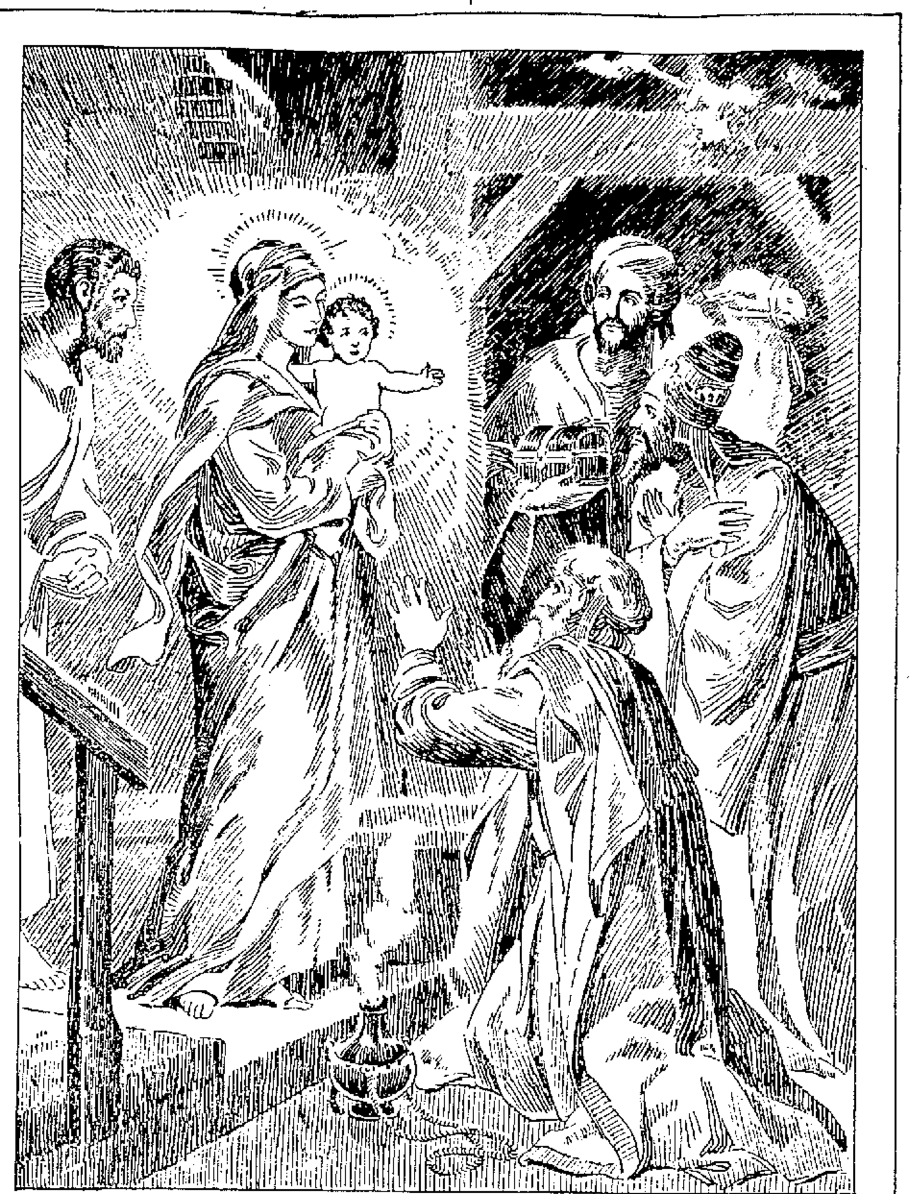
The pastoral symphony brought out the beauties of the voices of Mrs. Thyden and Miss Wise and the "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth," aria by the former during the resurrection part was one of the best individual accomplishments of the afternoon.

Of the four soloists perhaps Mr. Kidder was the best known and as in previous local appearances he gave of his best and showed his vibrant voice in its most pleasing garb.

As has previously been said Mr. Kershaw's organ accompaniment was faultless and the instrument itself was in fine fettle.

Mr. Hood has worked unsparingly for the success of the Lowell Choral society for many years. In a considerable respect, also it has been a labor of love and a great deal of the society's ability today is due directly to his painstaking coaching and excellent conducting. The choir works well and hard for him and he reciprocates in full measure.

The Three Wise Men



ALLEGED HOLD-UP MEN GET CONTINUANCE

Two young men were arraigned in district court this morning for the larceny of a small amount of money from Ferdinand Sylvain and were continued in $100 each until Jan. 3.

Their arrest was [illegible] Saturday night by Sergt. James J. Kennedy and Motorcycle Officer Daniel M. Lynch on the complaint of Sylvain who said he had been held up and robbed on the North common about 7.30 o'clock Saturday evening.

Advertisers who use The Sun consistently get greater returns on the money invested than through any other Lowell newspaper. There's a reason. The Sun goes into more homes in Lowell and suburbs than any other Lowell paper and ninety per cent of Sun readers read no other Lowell newspaper.

A Merry Christmas To all Father John's Medicine

ON THE POLICE FORCE EIGHTEEN YEARS

Eighteen years ago next Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1905, the names of David Petrie, Peter McManmon, John H. Clark, [illegible], John F. Conlon, Patrick H. [illegible], John W. Swanwick, James [illegible] and [illegible] Lane were added to the supernumerary list of the Lowell police department by order of the then police commissioners. Dowd [illegible] and [illegible] day each of the officers is enjoying good health and active duty.

David Petrie is a captain and chief inspector of the criminal investigation bureau; [illegible] McManmon is a sergeant and [illegible] on the late night shift; Officer [illegible] at present doing patrol duty on [illegible] on the day shift; Officer [illegible] is on the early night shift in [illegible] street, Officer Gillis is on the late night shift in Bridge street and Lakeview avenue; Officer Conlon is on the early night shift in upper Gorham street; Officer Swanwick patrols the day beat in the vicinity of city hall, Officer Bagley is a member of the liquor squad, and Officer McNally patrols a day route in Belvidere.

SKIERS IN TRYOUT

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 24.—Four skiers and a bobsled team to represent America in the Olympic games next month, will be selected here Dec. 29 and Jan. 1.

Thirty skiers from all sections of the country will participate in the tryouts here.

Xmas Sweet Cider, Boyle Bros.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREE

The members of the Knights of Columbus are to have a real old time Christmas tree celebration at their clubhouse on Dutton street, on Christmas afternoon. All the members who attend are to receive a present from the Christmas tree and a large crowd is expected. The lecturer, E. F. Slattery, Jr., has arranged a musical program which will include Christmas carols and appropriate music for the day. The committee in charge of arrangements is P. K. K. John E. Hart, chairman, Fred Enwright, John H. Queenan, Sylva Bernardini and Edward Callahan.

On Sunday evening, January 6, the Rev. M. J. Murphy, state prison chaplain at Charlestown, will deliver a stereopticon lecture on "Life Behind Prison Walls" at the clubrooms and an evening of rare enjoyment is anticipated by the members. Father Murphy is coming to Lowell with a reputation as a very interesting and learned speaker and the message which he will bring to the members and their friends will be both humane and vital. His talk will deal largely with the humane and pathetic side of prison life among the inmates, but his irresistible wit and sense of humor will keep his audience in constant laughter throughout the evening.

Tomorrow afternoon and evening, the members will make an endeavor to win a 12-pound turkey which will be awarded the lucky man who bowls the highest single string throughout the day.

ASHES OF SOCIALIST LEADER STOLEN

TOKIO, Dec. 24 (by the Associated Press). The ashes of the late Sakaye Osugi, socialist leader, which were stolen from a room in which the urn was lying in state before funeral services on Dec. 16, will be returned to the police tomorrow, the snatchers have informed authorities.

The theft was committed by three armed men, who escaped in an automobile. The incident precipitated a situation which was considered critical for a time, headquarters of the anti socialist league having been closely guarded after socialists were said to have threatened reprisals for the desecration of the remains of their leader.

Osugi was slain with his wife and child, by Captain Amakasu, a gendarmerie officer, who declared he was actuated by patriotic motives. He is now serving a sentence of 10 years' imprisonment for the slaying.

CHANGES IN FRENCH BOXING SYSTEM

PARIS, Dec. [illegible] The "one minute rest" granted a boxer in the French ring injured by an involuntary low blow from an adversary, which has been practiced in France since the introduction of boxing, will become a thing of the past Jan. 1. The French boxing federation has just decided to adopt the American system, making the referee the sole judge of ring conduct.

The federation decided that an expert boxer has no business to strike a low blow and that his opponent should be given the decision if the referee is convinced the blow was involuntarily landed, while in the case of wilful foul the boxer should be disqualified not only for the fight in which he struck the blow, but for a certain number of weeks or months as might be decided by the federation after an investigation.

DIES IN MOTHER'S ARMS

Christmas Brings Girl Gift She Desired, the One for Which She Prayed—Death

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Christmas season brought to 13-year-old Helen Hamilton the gift she most desired, the one for which she had prayed—death. Racked for months by almost intolerable pain, due to a ruptured heart—the result of a childish prank eight years ago—the heroic little girl died yesterday with her mother's arms about her and secure in the belief that she would find a painless, perfect happiness in the world beyond. Clasped tightly to her breast, was her favorite doll which she asked be buried with her. Her last words were a prayer for death. "Jesus, take me; take me Jesus," she said.

Her pale lips had prayed that she might live until her birthday, Nov. 26. She had hoped to die that day. When it passed she appeared to rally, but soon afterward passed into a lethargy from which she rarely was aroused. The climax of her sufferings came Saturday morning and 12 hours later she told her mother, Mrs. Emma Hamilton, a widow, that she knew the end was near. "Take me in your lap, mother," she said. "I know this is the end. I know that in a few minutes I will die. I want to feel your arms around me. I want to be held close before I go."

SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—All gates of the White House grounds will be thrown open tonight while Christmas carols are sung at the north entrance of the executive mansion.

Mrs. Coolidge, wife of the president, was the moving spirit in having the old custom revived, and at her invitation, the public will take part in the celebration.

The vested choir of the First Congregational church where the president and Mrs. Coolidge worship, will lead the singing. Musicians from the marine band will assist.

City of Lowell
NOTICE OF HEARINGS

The City Council of the City of Lowell will give hearings at its room, city hall, Monday, Jan. 7, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the following petitions, to wit:

Colonial Filling Stations, Inc.
For a license to keep, store, use and sell gasoline, in and from a tank (capacity 5000 gals.) buried in the ground at premises, 275 Gorham street, Thomas F. Mann square.

Stee-Lowell Shops
For a license to conduct and maintain a garage at premises corner Broadway and Dutton street. Construction, cement, fireproof brick wall, [illegible] stories. Capacity 18 cars.

Red Line Taxi Service Co.
For a license to keep, store, use and sell gasoline (capacity 500 gals.) buried in the ground at premises 17 [illegible] street.

David Stanman
For a license to keep, store, use and sell gasoline, in and from a tank (capacity 500 gals.) buried in the ground at premises 154 Worthen street.

Cecil M. Pelton, Inc.
For a license to keep, store, use and sell gasoline, in and from a tank (capacity 500 gals.) buried in the ground at premises 166 Market street.

Wilfred Daigle
For a license to keep, store, use and sell gasoline, in and from a tank (capacity 500 gals.) buried in the ground at premises, 199 Chelmsford street.

By order of the City Council,
STEPHEN FLYNN, Clerk.
Dec. 24, 1923.

MUSICAL PROGRAM AND COMEDY PLAYLET

The girls of C section of the Normal school Friday afternoon signalized the beginning of the Christmas vacation by assembling in the gym for a musical program and comedy playlet, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the students and by members of the faculty. Principal Clarence M. Weed, at the conclusion of the program, congratulated those responsible for the success of the affair, particularly commenting on their initiative and originality in conducting such a program without faculty or other assistance.

In the playlet, entitled, "A Case of Suspension," the various parts were capably portrayed, the male impersonations being especially commendable. The complete cast of characters was as follows:

Dorothy, Alice, Mildred (girls in seminary) Hazel McHale, Cassie McSorley, Anna McMahon.
Tom, Harold, "Shrimp" (college boys) Mary Palmer, Mary Luppold, Marion MacDonald.
Kathleen, a maid at the seminary. Winifred Lester
Jonas, the hired man...Theresa Mack
Prof. Emelius Edgarton...Sarah O'Brien
Miss Ophelia Judkins.....Claire Laird

After the presentation, solos were given by Grace Moran and Margaret Minahan. The accompanist was Lorraine Leith.

Refreshments were served. The chairman of the refreshment committee was Rose Leary, while Mary O'Connor was chairman of the reception committee.

Miss Mary Moran presided.

TODAY'S CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURT

As a result of a raid on a "shanty" in Tanner street early yesterday morning, Fred Gagnon, John McEvoy, Frank Silva, Manuel Faustino, James Hislop and Joseph Perry appeared in district court this morning and were fined $5 each for being present at a game on the Lord's day.

William Smith, charged with drunkenness and the larceny of a pair of shoes and a razor from Charles Woolwich, was sentenced to two months in the house of correction. Records were produced to show that the same man had been in a year ago for assault with a knife and for breaking and entering and larceny.

John McKenzie pleaded guilty to drunkenness, and not guilty to attempting to breaking and entering and larceny in the store of George Lynch. He was continued in $400 bonds until Dec. 31.

Henry Arseneault of Chelmsford was continued until Dec. 31. He is charged with drunkenness and with operating an automobile while he was under the influence of liquor.

Napoleon P. Lemieux, drunkenness and operating, was continued to Dec. 31 also. Octoman Dickie, who was in the machine with him at the time of his arrest, will be tried for drunkenness the same day.

Peter Murewski, drunkenness, was sentenced to the house of correction for three months, and the sentence was suspended for a year.

Louis K[illegible], assault and battery, was continued to Dec. 31.

WOMAN INJURED

A wood wagon owned by John Brady and an automobile owned by George J. Dunham of 388 Newberry street, Boston, collided on Dyer's hill, East Chelmsford, Saturday evening. A woman riding in the automobile was cut by flying glass but neither the extent of her injuries nor her identity could be learned as she continued on her journey without seeking medical assistance.

Xmas Sweet Cider, Boyle Bros.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

Midnight Masses in All But One Church — Elaborate Musical Programs

When the clock strikes 12 tonight, thousands of Catholics throughout the city will be in attendance at solemn high midnight mass in their respective churches in commemoration of the nativity of the Christ-child, every Catholic churches in the city, with the exception of St. Margaret's having announced special services in honor of the great feast day. There will be three masses in St. Anthony's church, and solemn services in St. Patrick's, Immaculate Conception, St. Peter's, St. Michael's, Sacred Heart and St. Columba's. On Christmas day the schedule of masses will be identical with that of Sunday.

In connection with the Christmas exercises, choir directors have prepared elaborate musical programs, consisting of carols and special mass music. In St. Patick's church, M. J. Johnson, organist and choir leader, will direct an augmented choir in the singing of classical Christmas carols. At the 8.30 o'clock mass on Christmas day, a choir of 30 voices will render the music under the direction of Miss Sarah A. Murray. The soloists will be the Misses Mary Tuttle, Gertrude Lawn, Esther Brennan and Helen Lawn.

Mrs. Hugh Walker will preside at the organ in the Immaculate Conception church, while the choir will be directed by James S. King. Processional and recessional carols will be sung by the sanctuary choir. The soloists will be Miss Florence McManus, Mrs. Alice Darcy Delmore, James S. King and William Gookin.

In St. Peter's church, Christmas carols will be sung from 11.30 o'clock until midnight. After the midnight mass, "Adeste Fideles" will be sung by John Doyle. Miss Gertrude M. Quigley will be at the organ and the choir will be directed by Rev. Peter T. Linehan. The church quartet composed of Miss Florence Hague, Miss Sadie Sheehan, James E. Donnelly and Mr. Doyle, will also render appropriate selections. At the evening service on Christmas, the soloists will be Miss Mae Rynne.

The regular church choir and the sanctuary choir will combine in an elaborate program at St. Michael's. The "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" will be sung in an old French air. The soloists will be Mr. and Mrs. James A. Murphy and Miss Margaret Griffin. Mrs. Ella Reilly Toye will play the organ.

There will be no midnight mass at St. Margaret's, as stated above, but a comprehensive program of Christmas music will be sung on Christmas day. The choir will be directed by Katherine V. Hennessey, with Louis N. Guillault at the organ. At the 9 o'clock mass, the music will be rendered by the children of St. Peter's orphanage. Miss Theresa L. Hennessey will play the organ a this mass.

At the high mass in the Sacred Heart church on Christmas day, the preacher will be Rev. William B. McFadden, D.D., of the Catholic University of Washington, D.C. Solemn music will be sung at the midnight mass and at all the masses on Christmas day. Raymond Kelley will be at the organ.

Christmas festivities at St. Columba's church began yesterday afternoon with a children's party. Christmas carols and mass music will be sung at midnight tonight and at the 7, 8.30 and 11 o'clock masses tomorrow. Vesper service will be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Miss Catherine Whoiey will play the organ. Joseph A. McAvinnue will be the director.

At the children's exercises in the afternoon, the pastor, Rev. John J. Powers, and his assistant, Rev. Cornelius J. Cotter, were presented suitable tokens in the form of purses of gold. The recipients were greatly surprised at the remembrance and thanked the givers for the spirit which prompted the action. An extensive entertainment program was carried out.

At all the masses yesterday, souvenir church calendars were distributed to the parishioners. The mementoes attractively arranged, contain the feast days of the year and other festival occasions.

The French churches, St. Jean's, St. Joseph's, Notre Dame de Lourdes, St. Louis, St. Jeanne d'Arc and St. Marie's in South Lowell, will all hold midnight mass tonight.

There will be no midnight mass in St. Mary's, Collinsville, but splendid programs will be presented at the children's mass at 8.15 o'clock, and the high mass at 10.15 o'clock tomorrow. At the children's service, a quartet composed of the Misses Meade, Mooney, Driscoll and Nolin, will sing "Dear Little One." Miss Beatrice Cornellier will sing a solo.

LIFT SEALS AT BREWING PLANT

Cold Spring Officials Announce Immediate Resumption of Brewing Operations

Agents Sullivan and Hall Act Upon Orders From Director Potter

Seals placed on vats, bottling racks, conveyors and other paraphernalia of the Cold Spring Beverage Co., Lawrence, when their brewery was raided on Nov. 18 were removed Saturday by Federal Agents Hall and Sullivan. Hall and Sullivan placed the seals in position after raiding the brewery and finding beer which they claim was over the permitted alcoholic strength.

Officials of the brewery, who are charged with conspiracy against the United States as well as illegal manufacture and illegal possession of liquor, announced the resumption of brewing today. On Wednesday hearings before U. S. Commissioner Walsh upon the charges brought against the brewery bosses will continue here. The hearings started last Friday and but a part of the government case was in when they were put over until Wednesday upon which day they will in all probability be concluded.

The order that the seals be removed was issued by Elmer C. Potter, regional head of federal prohibition agents.

At the opening of the hearing here last week upon the conspiracy charges against Alfred E. Bock, president and a director of the company, John Rathgab, brewmaster, and Thomas P. Casey, boss bottler, it was stated that a bill in equity intended to bring about such action had been drawn but not filed pending Mr. Potter's decision upon a formal request that the seals be lifted.

Daniel A. Shay of Boston and Atty. Donovan of Lawrence, chief of the group of counsel for the brewers, announced today that in view of the act of Mr. Potter the bill will not be filed.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS RECEIVED BY POPE

ROME, Dec. 24.—Christmas greetings from all over the world are reaching Pope Pius, those from America being especially numerous. There were preliminary observances within the Vatican today. The gardeners of the Vatican gardens presented the pontiff with a handsome tribute of flowers and fruit. Later all the members of the Sacred college were received and tendered their good wishes, the dean of the college, Cardinal Vanutelli, delivering an appropriate address. Pope Pius, responded with impromptu remarks, ending by extending the Christmas hope that God might be glorified and peace and good will prevail on earth.

BANK OF GERMANY

131,082,594,340,869,067,000 Notes in Circulation

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The statement of the Bank of Germany for the week ending Nov. 23, shows notes in circulation increased 131,082,591,340,869,067,000 marks. Total gold holdings were 467,025,000 marks.

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Over $2000 in bonuses to employes was disbursed Saturday by A. E. O'Heir & Co. in appreciation of their conscientious work throughout the year.

Centralville Rebekah lodge will hold its annual election Thursday evening.

Carl Schader, state supervisor of physical education, is to speak before the Parent-Teachers' association of Greenhalge school on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Gleason, 29 Third street, has been awarded the centre piece donated by Mrs. Maynard in a recent contest for charitable purposes.

MANUFACTURER ENDS LIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Benjamin Adler, a shoe manufacturer, jumped to death today from the fifth floor of his small Sixth avenue factory. Members of his family said he had been worried about his business.

TONIGHT
Dancing — Associate Hall
BATTLE OF MUSIC—ADMISSION 55¢

CHRISTMAS NIGHT
"Mal" Hallett's Farewell Party
BATTLE OF MUSIC—ADMISSION 55¢
Miner-Doyle's and "Mal" Hallett's Orchestras Both Evenings.

Roller Skating — Crescent Rink
Continuous Session from 10 a. m. to 10.30 p. m. Christmas Day Skate as long as you desire. No extra charge.
Sessions will also be held Monday and Wednesday evenings and Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings.

HIGHLAND CLUB — XMAS NIGHT
STRATFORDS
Wrick's College Orchestra Subscription 55c

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday; strong westerly winds diminishing Tuesday.

THE LOWELL SUN

7 O'CLOCK

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

TODAY

Municipal Celebration in Memorial Auditorium, 8 to 10 p. m. Illuminated tree outside all evening.

Broadway club celebration in club rooms from 8.30 this evening, until 2.30 tomorrow morning. Illuminated tree at Connolly square, all night.

Entertainment for children by Y's Men's club, at Y. M. C. A. at 6 p. m. Christmas tree with gifts for all.

Christmas Carols and National Airs by Trumpeters at Chalifoux's store from 3 o'clock this afternoon until 9 o'clock this evening.

Distribution of gifts to Lowell Boys' club by local Rotarians, with Major Jeyes as Santa Claus.

Salvation Army baskets distributed to needy families.

Christmas tree exercises at Lowell Day Nursery, with distribution of gifts by Santa Claus this afternoon.

Distribution of baskets and gifts by social service committee of League of Catholic Women.

Special exercises and visitations at orphanages, homes and institutions.

Midnight masses in all Catholic churches, with exception of St. Margaret's.

TOMORROW

Candle Light Christmas service at Pawtucket Congregational church, 6.30 a. m.

Appropriate services with elaborate musical programs in Catholic and Protestant churches.

Holiday dinners in all local institutions.

Special programs in theatres.

Continuous roller skating, Crescent Rink, 10 a. m. to 10.30 p. m.

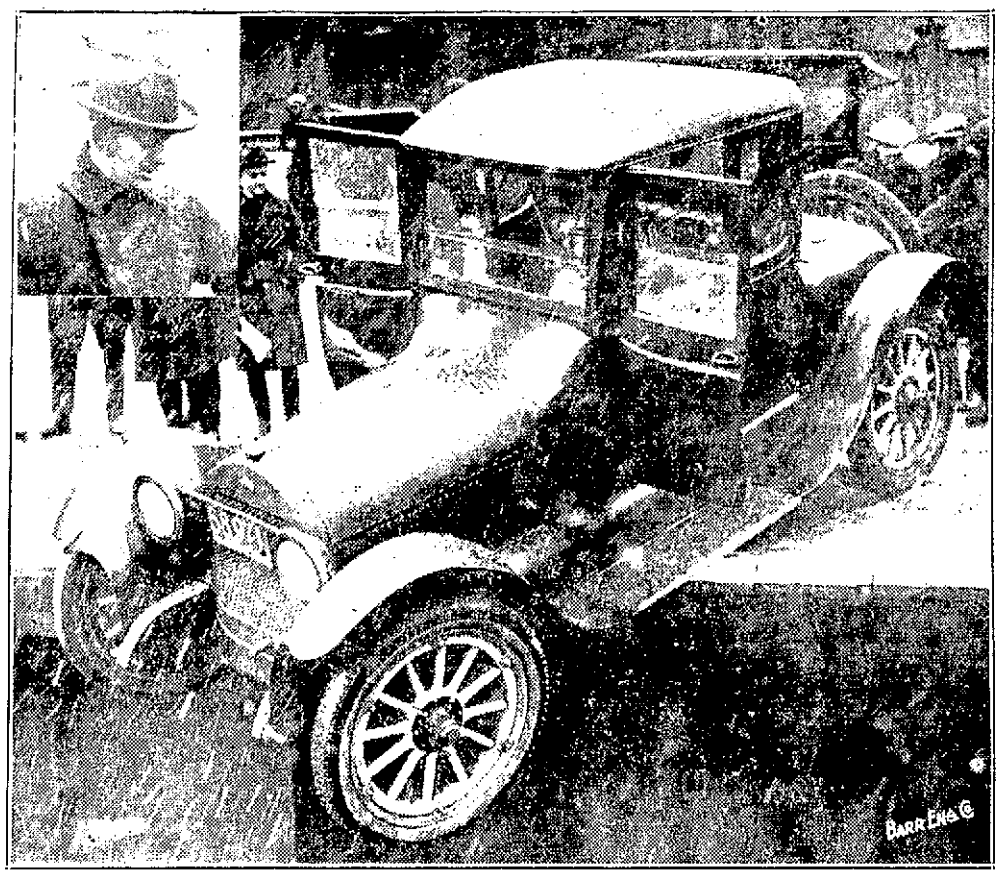
Christmas tree exercises at Knights of Columbus, Y. M. C. L., Mathews and other organizations at 3 p. m.

Santa Claus at Broadway club tree, at 2 p. m.

Farewell appearance of "Mal" Halfett's orchestra, Associate hall, evening.

Municipal Celebration in Memorial Auditorium, 8 to 10 p. m.

Man and Woman Have Miraculous Escape From Death When Auto Crashes Through Railroad Bridge



PICTURE SHOWING FRONT WHEELS DANGLING OVER TRACKS 40 FEET BELOW—WILLIAM KERSHAW, DRIVER, SHOWN IN INSET.

Two lives hung in the balance and twenty feet of fencing was ripped away on the Chelmsford street bridge, over the railroad tracks at the depot, when a runabout skidded on the slushy boarding at 9 o'clock this morning. As the car crashed through the fence it seemed that it would plunge headlong into the abyss. The brakes held, however, and the machine came to a wheezing, groaning, sputtering stop with fully 40 inches of the car hanging in space. The rear wheels of the machine were up on the sidewalk and the force of gravity, by just a hair balance, held the car on the bridge.

So close was the car to going over that stepping from the running board onto the sidewalk was in itself a precarious and hazardous undertaking. The car is owned by the Lowell Gas company and the occupants were William E. Kershaw and Mrs. Hazel Balch. Kershaw, who is married and lives at 25 McKinley avenue is employed as a clerk at the Shattuck street office of the company. Mrs. Balch lives at 777 Westford street. Her husband is a bookkeeper for the gas company.

The car is a Buick four runabout and was proceeding north along Chelmsford street when Kershaw saw the car in front of him in the heavy traffic suddenly stopped. He says he was proceeding slowly, but when he applied the foot brake he suddenly swerved to the right and skidded into the fence. The position of the car seems to bear out his statement. When police arrived on the scene the emergency brake was unset and the headlights were on.

Not even the windshield was cracked and aside from the shock of the accident the occupants of the car were not in the least disturbed. Just as they alighted from the wrecked machine there thundered down, snow-covered from the north the Canadian Pacific express which Mrs. Balch had planned to take to spend the holidays with her parents in Newburyport. To many it seemed little short of a miracle that they had not been plunged straight in the path of the big locomotive.

Mr. Balch arrived on the scene shortly after the accident. He had ordered Kershaw, officials of the gas company say, to call at his home for his wife and drive her to the depot.

The car is a dark blue roadster with almost indescribable one inch lettering on both doors giving the initials "L. G. Co." It presented a dejected picture drooped clumsily over the bridgeway, a fresh evergreen wreath tied with a wide red bow adding a strikingly inapropos bit of color from its position over the rear window.

Two policemen were kept busy handling the inquisitive crowd that soon gathered and on the slushy boarding the danger of someone slipping or sliding over the walk and down onto the tracks below was ever imminent.

CONGRESS TO ACT ON BOOTLEG SCANDAL IN WASHINGTON

Sudden Disappearance of Portentous List of Customers Taken During Raid Results in Insistent Demands for Explanation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The national capital's biggest bootleg scandal, which originated from a modest police raid, gives promise of development of a sweeping inquiry into oft-repeated charges of liquor drinking in high places.

The sudden disappearance of a portentous list of customers taken during the raid resulted in insistent demands from several quarters today for an explanation. There were indications that the district attorney's office which has threatened to prosecute those whose names appeared on the list, would investigate thoroughly why the evidence vanished into thin air, and that the demands for an inquiry would be taken up in congress immediately after the holiday recess.

Meantime both the financial backing of the bootlegger ring involved and the actual source of its liquor supply are under investigation by several agencies of the municipal government of the District of Columbia. An effort will be made to connect prominent banking interests with the financing of the project, and an inquiry already has been made of the state department as to the immunity of a liquor stock which the police were prevented from seizing by the intervention of an official of a foreign legation.

Some of the liquor suspected by police officials of belonging to the stock of the ring was stored in the cellar of a private house here, but when a police squad broke into the place and were about to carry the wet goods away, they were informed that it belonged to Dr. Vincelsas Sokolowski, first secretary of the Polish legation. Dr. Sokolowsky subsequently produced permits showing that the liquor had been obtained by him through the regular channels provided in the law for insuring supplies to the representatives here of foreign government.

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MAYOR EXTENDS SEASON'S GREETINGS

"Christmas greetings to the people of Lowell. May this Christmas season bring much joy to you all and may the New Year result in increased happiness, health and prosperity.

"JOHN J. DONOVAN, Mayor."

1000 REBELS CAPTURED BY FEDERAL TROOPS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22. (By the Associated Press)—More than 1000 prisoners were taken when the federal troops captured Puebla from the revolutionists, according to Secretary of War Serrano. He issued the following bulletin:

"The attack against Puebla started at 7 a.m., with three airplanes bombing Loreto, San Juan and Guadalupe fortresses. The airplanes dropped 74 bombs which hit their marks. Simultaneously forces belonging to the column commanded by General Martinez advanced upon the town and at 11 o'clock advices reported occupation of the city. The enemy was defeated after fierce battling, government forces taking numerous prisoners with cavalry sent in pursuit of the retreating forces still capturing many. The importance of the rebels' defeat will be known when the commander-in-chief sends detailed reports. Once more government soldiers covered themselves with glory. The Fourth artillery regiment, commanded by Col. Amezzua,

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N. Y. AND BOSTON CLEARINGS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Exchanges, $447,000,000; balances, $51,000,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $45,000,000; balances, $24,000,000.

IN CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Gov. Templeton Refers to Recent Religious Doctrinal Controversy

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 24—In a Christmas message to the people of Connecticut, Governor Charles A. Templeton refers indirectly to the recent religious doctrinal controversy.

"Our own splendid commonwealth," he says, "founded in the Christian faith of the fathers, has never faltered in its allegiance to the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.

"While strident voices are being raised in opposition to some particular tenet of philosophy or creed, we must all agree that Jesus Christ was the supreme exemplar of love and service. Uninfluenced by his teachings and his life, our boasted civilization would degenerate into the chaos and welter of the jungle."

FOR NEW PETITION IN WORTHEN STREET CASE

After a conference of counsel with Justice Pierce of the supreme court in Boston this forenoon and upon his suggestion the original petition in the Worthen street closing case will be withdrawn and another one filed.

Solicitor Patrick J. Reynold and Attorneys John M. O'Donoghue and Albert S. Howard, representing the petitioners in the certiorari action, endeavored without result to come to an agreement upon certain facts in relation to the original petition and it is Justice Pierce's suggestion that a new petition be filed by which diputed questions may be raised and argued.

IRISH COUNTESS IS LIBERATED

Free State Government Announces Release of Countess Georgina Markievicz

3481 Political Prisoners Released Between December 1 and December 23

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—The Free State government today announced the release of Countess Georgina Markievicz, one of the leading woman republicans, who was arrested here Nov. 20.

The government also announced that between Dec. 1 and Dec. 23, political prisoners to the number of 3481 had been liberated.

Countess Markiewicz has figured prominently for years in the republican movement in Ireland. She was active in the Dublin revolt of 1916 and suffered a long term of imprisonment. She has been many times arrested since in con-

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THIRD AMERICAN EXPERT NAMED

Henry M. Robinson of Los Angeles Selected to Serve With Dawes and Young

To Investigate Condition of Germany's Finances—Robinson Lawyer and Banker

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press) Henry M. Robinson, lawyer and banker of Los Angeles, has been selected as the third American to serve on the expert committees which are to investigate the conditions of Germany's finances under the auspices of the reparation commission.

The other two American members, previously selected, are Charles G. Dawes and Owen D. Young. Mr. Robinson, who is president of the First National bank of Los Angeles and prominently identified with other financial institutions, was a member of the supreme economic council at the Paris peace conference in 1919. He also represented the United States at the first international labor conference.

He was created a chevalier of the Legion of Honor in 1920.

DRACUT MAN INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE

Ethion Jellery, of Kenwood, Dracut, was injured in an automobile crash this noon on the Lowell-Lawrence boulevard and sustained injuries to his head. He was picked up by a passing car and rushed to St. John's hospital in this city, where an X-ray will be taken and an operation performed if it is found necessary. At the time of going to press, the hospital was unable to state how severe the man's injuries are.

BANDITS ROB JEWELRY STORE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Armed bandits today entered the novelty store of Jacob Moth in the Bronx, bound and gagged him and escaped with cash and jewelry worth $2000.

POLICE AND FIREMEN GRANTED $6 A DAY

LAWRENCE, Dec. 24.—The city council today voted increases of 50 cents a day to all police and firemen, making the new wage $6 a day, and voted an order advertising a similar increase to all city laborers, making the new wage $5.50 a day. This increase with increases recently voted in the school department, will add $250,000 a year to the city's payroll, Mayor Daniel W. Mahoney estimated.

MAN INJURED BY AUTO IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Joseph Bosquet, 71 years old, of 17 Stanley street, was removed from his home to the Lowell Corporation hospital this morning, suffering from injuries sustained as the result of being struck by an automobile, alleged to have been driven by Frank Andreoli of 88 Boisvert street, in West Sixth

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ZBYSZKO CHARGES WIFE WITH CRUEL AND ABUSIVE TREATMENT

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 24.—Alleging cruel and abusive treatment, Wladek Zbyszko, who through his unusual strength and skill has brought some of the most famous wrestlers to the mat, has entered suit for divorce against his wife, Amelia Zbyszko. The suit is listed for trial at the January term of the York county supreme court. Amelia is a little over five feet tall, and slight.

SNOW GIVES REAL TONE TO CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Old Mother Earth this morning was enveloped in a cloak of ermine as Dame Nature called Jack Frost to her aid and gave Jupiter Pluvius the fadeout in response to the prayers of the children for a white Christmas.

Folks who last night tucked themselves under the covers after a drowsy day made gray and far from joyous by a drizzling, drenching rain awoke this morning to see a fine flaky storm that looked good for most of the day, not only looked good but made good.

Most of us who on other mornings

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FUNERAL NOTICES

THOMPSON—The funeral of James A. Thompson will be held from his home, 65 Grove street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited. Burial private. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker Hiram C. Brown.

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NOTICE

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Christmas Eve.

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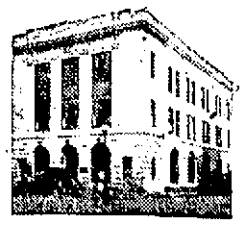

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18 SHATTUCK STREET

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Every Available Street Car is Being Pressed Into Active Service

Extensive preparations, calling for operation of every serviceable electric car available have been made by the officials of the Lowell division of the street railway company to handle the Christmas Eve crowds.

Supt. Sayers expects that tonight's crowd will be the largest in the history of the local division because of the fact that the weather is unpleasant for the use of automobiles and the regular Christmas shopping crowds will be greatly augmented by the crowd attending the Christmas Eve celebration in the Auditorium and also by those attending midnight mass in the various Catholic churches.

Cars were run on the regular week-day schedule this morning. At noon extra cars were out on all lines and the Saturday schedule adhered to as closely as possible. At 5 o'clock this evening further extras were put into operation, "double-headers" being run on many lines.

To accommodate persons attending midnight masses at the various churches, special cars will be run to the churches and will stay at the churches until the masses are over. In this way it is hoped that everyone desiring to use the electric cars will be accommodated.

Tomorrow, Christmas day, the cars on all routes will be operated on Sunday schedule.

AT THE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

A pageant, "When Jesus Was Born," was presented in conjunction with the evening service at the Calvary Baptist church, by the young folks of the parish, representing the story of the Christ from the prophecies of Isaiah to the moment of the wise men at the manger receiving a warning to return by another route than the city of Herod, on their way to the east.

The pageant was directed by Miss Carrie Stewart, and the cast included the following: Florence Lalime, Earl Stevenson, Oscar Phinney, George Spalding, Ralph Johnson, Howard Lawson, Florence Chamberlain, Helen Craig, Alta Flouffe, Dorothea Beck, Melba Hanscom, Eleanor Stuart, Mary Burnette, Bertha Perry, Margaret Mahr, Etta C. Stevenson, Rhoda Paul, Fern Hayes, Alice Bird, Winfield Aldrich, Carleton Flynn, William Duafy, Edward Lawson and Arthur Christianson.

Solos were given by Helen Craig, Alta Flouffe, Florence Lalime and Mrs. Earl Stevenson.

The White Gift service preceded the pageant, under the direction of Sterlin R. Crosby, with each Sunday school class bringing a Christmas offering for a worthy charitable cause. The music for the service was in charge of Edward J. Dilts, choir director.

JOHN McMAHON SENT HOME FROM HOSPITAL

The condition of John McMahon, who was injured last night when struck by an automobile on the Pawtucket boulevard, was improved so much this morning that he was sent to his home, 23 Fodrth avenue. Mr McMahon is employed as a fireman at the boulevard pumping station. While riding home from work last night he was run down by a machine operated by Albert B. Wise of Nashua, N. H., and received a contusion to the scalp. He taken to the Corporation hospital by Mr. Wise, who later reported the accident to the police.

PLAN GRAND TIME FOR NEEDY YOUTHS

Fifty boy members of needy families have been invited to the Y.M.C.A. tonight where they will be royally entertained by the Y's Men's club. The youngsters will travel in style for their hosts will call for them in motor cars and drive them to their homes after the party.

There will be a Christmas tree with toys and useful gifts for all. In addition there will be plenty of good things to eat. Games and music will be used to help make the night a jolly one.

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SLIGHTLY DRAPED EVENING FROCKS FROM PARIS

Slightly—just ever so slightly draped—these evening gowns show the pleasure of Paris in each graceful line. They are all sleeveless, as dinner and evening gowns are this season, and they have the three different necklines that are popular.

Materials most preferred are satin, velvet and brocades. Unfigured materials like these are almost always beaded. Crystal and rhinestone beads are favored and are lavishly used.

Beaded or brocaded slippers carry out the color scheme of one's frock. Head bands are also carefully chosen to form part of a harmoniously complete costume.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sister Mary Gives Two Menus for the Holiday

By SISTER MARY

If you had turkey for Thanksgiving you may not want it for Christmas, but there is a great variety of meats from which to choose.

Roast goose is quite Christmasy and with prune, onion or potato stuffing, delicious.

A crown roast of pork is appropriate and perhaps the most sort of piece de resistance" for the small family.

Not only the dinner menu should be carefully planned but the meals for the entire day. Breakfast is apt to be a hurried meal for the cook if she is also the housewife, so let this meal be easy to get.

If Christmas dinner is served at one o'clock, a light, easily digestible supper will be welcome. In many families the "going-to-the-cupboard" part of Christmas is considered as much fun as the dinner itself. But if the same rich and heavy foods are indulged in that formed the dinner, indigestion may result.

Christmas supper served in the living room will appeal to the family.

A reasonable amount of thought should be used to prevent repeating flavors. For instance, if grapefruit is used for breakfast, don't begin the Christmas dinner with chilled grapefruit. Or if crown of pork is the dinner meat, don't serve bacon or sausage for breakfast.

Menu Suggestions

Use pimientoes, pickled beets and olives for garnishing the Christmas canapes. These should be in the shape of stars.

Maraschino candied, preserved or canned cherries carry out the Christmas colors in desserts.

The blushing apples are colored with tiny red cinnamon candies.

The orange juice should be prepared the night before.

The salad in the dinner menu is made of mixed fruit, served in a bright red apple cup on a bed of shredded lettuce. A small spoonful of whipped cream topped with a bit of crimson jelly or a cherry may cover the salad piled slightly above the apple cup.

The beet pickles could be cut in the shape of stars or tiny Christmas trees for the supper menu.

Roast Goose

Goose should not be more than eight months old at the most. Four to six months is preferred, although a four-month goose is usually roasted without stuffing. An eight-month to a year-old goose should be steamed before roasting.

Scrub and wash thoroughly inside and out. Be sure any oil fat on the inside is removed. Rinse well in cold water. A goose is usually so fat that salt and pepper and onion cut in half stuff and sew the openings. Place on a rack and put in roaster. Roast an hour and pour off fat in the pan. Then dredge with flour, season with salt and pepper and roast on to two hours longer, depending on size of bird. Baste four or five times with hot salted water. A goose is usually so fat that pure water is better for basting than the drippings in the roaster.

Prune Stuffing

One cup of more, 2½ cups soft stale bread crumbs, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon pepper, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon cloves, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind, 4 tablespoons melted butter.

Wash prunes and soak overnight in cold water to cover. Cook in water until tender but not broken. Drain and reserve juice to moisten dressing. Stone prunes and chop coarsely. Mix prunes with crumbs, seasoning, grated rind and juice of lemon. Add butter and toss with a fork. Moisten with prune juice.

Two cups of bread crumbs and one-half cup of Brazil cheese, boiled and hopped nuts, delicious dressing, instead of all bread crumbs.

Martinique Potatoes

Six large baked potatoes, 2 tablespoons butter, 4 tablespoons cream, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon pepper, few gratings nutmeg.

Remove potatoes from skins and mash. Beat in butter, cream, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored and beat into potatoes. Cook three minutes stirring constantly. Beat white of eye until stiff and dry and fold into first mixture. Shape between two buttered spoons, place on a buttered dripping pan or sheet and bake 15 minutes in a moderate oven. The potatoes should brown slightly while baking.

Crown Roast of Pork

May be a rib roast or spare ribs. If rib roast, have butcher shape through bones of two strips, containing six chops each or less as needed. Trim ends of bones evenly and tie in a circle having meat on inside. Tie squares of buttered paper over ends of bones to prevent charring. Season with salt and pepper and roast in moderate oven.

Allow from two to three hours for roasting. Baste frequently with drippings. Pork must be well done. Remove paper before sending to the table, cover with paper frills. Garnish with parsley and the "blushing" apples if platter is large enough to permit comfortable carving.

If "spare ribs" are used, tie two strips together in a circle and fill with the following stuffing:

One cup of chopped apples, one-half cup seeded raisins, two pounds bulk sausage or finely chopped pork steak, one teaspoon minced onion, one teaspoon poultry seasoning, one teaspoon salt, one-quarter teaspoon pepper, one cup dried bread crumbs, water to make moist.

If seasoned sausage is used, gauge the seasonings accordingly.

Mix all ingredients well and add just enough water to hold mixture together.

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CHOICE OF MENUS

Breakfast

Orange juice, bacon and eggs, toast, coffee.

Dinner

Christmas canapes, consomme, olives and radishes, roast goose with prune stuffing, marzipique potatoes, brussels sprouts, salad in apple cups, plum pudding, orange ice, glace nuts and fruits, coffee.

Supper

Scalloped oysters, lettuce sandwiches, brown bread sandwiches, beet pickles, fruit cake, tea.

Breakfast

Steamed prunes, creamed dried beef on toast, popovers, orange marmalade, coffee.

Dinner

Grapefruit cocktail, oyster bouillon, crown roast of pork, blushing apples, glace sweet potatoes, spinach, Christmas salad, Santa's own dessert, fancy cakes, nuts, raisins, coffee.

Supper

Scrambled eggs with cheese on toast, olives, Christmas cake, tea.

EIGHT TAKEN IN RAID

Ulster Constabulary Raided Meeting in Londonderry Yesterday

BELFAST, Ireland, Dec. 24.—Members of the Ulster constabulary and special officers yesterday raided a meeting in Londonderry and arrested eight persons including a nationalist election agent. Four of the prisoners had returned north recently from internment in the Free State. The homes of the captives were subsequently searched. The raid is said to have been caused by a recent arrest and the capture of documents, and it is hinted that startling developments are expected.

Those attending the meeting declared its object was to raise funds for the defense of the men charged with the murder of Howard McKay during the Derry riots.

SPANISH WAR VETS TO HAVE REUNION

Survivors of Company C, 5th Massachusetts Regiment, will gather at the Richardson house on Jan. 16th to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the return from Porto Rico at the close of the Spanish war.

Major [illegible] Kittredge and Arthur F. Schurman are in charge of arrangements for the affair. Lt. Col. Alexander, Gen. Dr. U.S.A., who was captain of the regular company in Spanish war days, will attend.

See the Point?

The Sun has by far the largest circulation of any Lowell paper. Ninety per cent. of Sun readers do not read any other Lowell newspaper. See the point, Mr. Advertiser?

WORLD OF LETTERS AROUSED BY CHILD'S GENIUS

ROGER JACKSON

NATHALIA CRANE

By JOSEPHINE VAN DE GRIFT
N.E.A. Service Staff Writer

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Romance! It raced from a brown-eyed, red-headed janitor's boy up to a window where a little girl was sitting.

And now 10-year-old Nathalia Clara Ruth Crane is writing poetry that is making venerable educators and elderly, gray-headed editors stand around and wonder.

For months editors who published her poetry thought she was an adult.

They needn't wonder at all, for love can do anything—especially when it's love for a nice boy like Roger Jackson.

You see, Roger's father tended the furnace and looked after the walks in the apartment at 781 Ocean avenue where Nathalia lives with her father and mother.

And one day Roger and his gang needed somebody to help out in a game of hide-and-seek. Up at a window in the second story a pale little girl was sitting.

"Would you care to come down and play hide-and-seek with us?" queried Roger politely.

Nathalia said she would. And that was when the damage was done.

For days afterward Nathalia scribbled and scribbled. "Look, mama," she said. "See my songs."

But Mrs. Clarence P. Crane being a busy woman and not suspecting that there was genius in the family, put the "songs" down the dumb waiter.

In despair Nathalia turned to her father. And then for the first time it became known that a child prodigy was in the process of expressing herself.

Here are the first of the poems inspired by Nathalia's great love for Roger Jackson. In them Roger is generally given the name of Jones because Jones makes better poetry and besides, one doesn't care to be too explicit about the object of one's tender sentiments.

But alas and alack, for true love, the janitor and his family moved away. It's been over a year now since Nathalia has set her eyes on Roger but the image of the red-headed boy will not die. She still writes poetry about him.

"He's coming to my Christmas party, though," she says, "and I'll certainly be glad to see him again."

Over in another part of Brooklyn where Roger goes to school he is likewise expressing hopes for the Christmas party.

"Nathalia is a fine girl," he says, "and I guess she's going to be a great poet some day. I tried to write some poetry once but I didn't get very far with it. No, it wasn't about Nathalia. It was about a kid who was afraid to play for fear he'd get his clothes dirty."

THE FLATHOUSE ROOF
By Nathalia Crane

I linger on the flathouse roof, the moonlight is divine,
But my heart is all a-flutter like the washing on the line.

I long to be a heroine, I long to be serene,
But my feet, they dance in answer to a distant tambourine.

And, oh! the dreams of ecstasy Oh! Babylon and Troy
I've a hero in the basement, he's the janitor's red-haired boy.

There's the music of his mallet and the jigging of his saw;
I wonder what he's making on that lovely cellar floor?

He loves me, for he said it when we met upon the stair,
And that is why I'm on the roof to get a breath of air.

He said it! Oh! He said it! And the only thing I said
Was, "Roger Jones, I like you, for your hair is very red."

We parted when intruders came a-tramping through the hall:
He's got my pocket handkerchief and I have got his ball.

And so it is, I'm on the roof. Oh! Babylon and Troy!
I'm very sure that I'm in love with someone else's boy.

Alone, upon the starry heights, I'm dancing on a green,
To the jingling and the jangling of a distant tambourine.

To the stamping of a hammer and the jigging of a saw,
And the secret sort of feeling I'm in love forever more.

Do you think it's any wonder, with the moonlight so divine,
That my heart is all a-flutter, like the washing on the line?

OH, ROGER JONES
By Nathalia Crane

Oh, Roger Jones! Oh, Roger Jones!
Oh, Prince! O, Knight! Ah! Me!
We used to play at keeping house
Beneath an old oak tree.

Your hair was red, your eyes were brown,
You had a freckled nose;
You were the father of my dolls,
My husband—I suppose.

Oh, Roger! You were only nine,
And I was half-past eight;
It really was romantic, or
At good at any rate.

AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS EXCEED EXPORTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Imports of agricultural products exceeded exports last year, probably for the first time in history, the difference amounting to $388,000,000, as compared with a $474,000,000 excess in the value of exports over imports in the previous year.

The shift of the balance in trade in agriculture products in favor of foreign countries was attributed by the department of agriculture today chiefly to an increased value of imports and a decrease in the value of imports and a decrease in the value of exports. Imports, including forest products, totalled $2,315,000,000 last year, or $780,000,000 more than in the previous year, while exports aggregated $1,927,000,000, a decrease of $82,000,000.

CHRISTMAS MAIL CONGESTION RELIEVED

By superhuman efforts and the aid of 11 mail trucks, the postal force of Lowell yesterday succeeded in clearing out the bulk of the Christmas mail that has been accumulating at the central station. Postmaster Delisle stated today that he was confident of the successful delivery of all packages that are received today, in time for Christmas.

SHE GAVE HER BLOOD THAT STRANGER MIGHT LIVE

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—She gave her blood that another might live! Yet Mrs. Margery Hans, a former nurse, gladly would do it again "for humanity's sake." A man lay at the point of death in General hospital here. A transfusion operation was the only hope, surgeons said. And he was a stranger in the city, without friends or relatives, upon whom the doctors could call for aid. Mrs. Hans read about it in the newspapers. She was the first to volunteer. "A human being should not be permitted to die when he can be saved so easily," she declared when hospital attaches questioned her. She submitted to the operation, then went home, expressing the hope that the stranger would benefit by her sacrifice. And he did. He's on the road to recovery now.

BOBBED HAIR!

The only woman ambassador in the world is Mrs. Kolontay (above.) She's the Bolshevik envoy to Norway. She's a real diplomat, they say.

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HOPE TO SAVE BIG DIRIGIBLE

The Dixmude, Carrying 50 Persons, Drifting Helplessly for Three Days

Military Authorities Prepare Landing Place, in Case Ship Able to Descend

PARIS, Dec. 24. (By the Associated Press.)—There appeared this morning to be some hope of saving the French dirigible Dixmude, which with 50 officers and men aboard, has been drifting helplessly for three days over the Gulf of Gabes on the north coast of Africa and over the interior of Tunis.

Although news received in Paris has been sparse, the latest advices said that the great airship had drifted well inland and, taking a northwesterly direction, was hovering in the vicinity of Foum Tatahouine, 30 miles south of Medinin.

Military authorities at Foum Tatahouine were reported to have prepared a fair landing place, in case the ship was able to descend. Automobile headlights were set to mark out the spot through the night. A strong force of troops was also present.

The Italian authorities in Tripoli have instructed all military posts to maintain a close watch for the Dixmude and to take all necessary steps to aid her should help be necessary.

British officials at Malta have warned naval units in the Mediterranean to keep an extra lookout by day and searchlights playing by night.

Successfully accomplishing a three-day flight from Cuers-Pierrefeu to Insalah, southern Algeria, the Dixmude last Friday afternoon headed eastward for Tunis. Her gasoline supply ran low and it was necessary to put her on one of her six motors. She then began to drift, sending out distress signals that put in motion all French naval units within call and all garrisons in the Tunis district.

Last September, the Dixmude established a world's record duration flight of 1500 miles. She was endeavoring to break this record when trouble overtook her.

No News From Dirigible

TOULON, Dec. 24.—The aviation authorities here are hopeful that the Dixmude will soon be located, but are concerned over the lack of news from the dirigible, which is believed to be drifting over the coast of Tunis or the gulf of Gabes.

The French are receiving the operation of the British authorities at Malta and the Italians in Sardinia and on the mainland.

MAKING FACE MAY COST LIFE

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 24. John Romeseo is in a serious condition in the Maine General hospital with a bullet in his abdomen, and Mrs. Josephine Discona is at the same institution after being shot in the left leg, when, according to the police, Tommas Zavaglio last night resented Romeseo "making a face" at him. The latter is under arrest and will be arraigned today on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Mrs. Discona jumped between the two and the police believe the second shot was fired accidentally.

NEGROES PARDONED BY PRES. COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Christmas pardons were granted today by President Coolidge to Alvin E. White, held in Leavenworth prison, and to Willis Swolford, a prisoner at Atlanta, Ga. Both are negroes.

"DINTY" MOORE SERIOUSLY INJURED

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 24.—("Dinty") Moore, airmail pilot, fell near Burns, Wyo., today, according to word received at the local airmail field. He was seriously injured.

FUNERAL NOTICES

McGURN—Died December 22, at his home, 43 Hampstead street, Cornelius Mcturn. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from the house, and a solemn high funeral mass will be sung at the Sacred Heart church at 10 o'clock. The burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell and Sons.

EMPLOYES REMEMBERED

This past week the A. E. O'Heir & Co., furniture dealers, distributed $3000 among its employes as a Christmas present along with their regular pay envelopes, in each of which was enclosed the following note:

"It is very gratifying that after the big increase in our business last year, and in spite of the widespread unemployment during part of this our business shows an increase over last. This is due largely to your efforts in pleasing our customers and we are glad to give you the enclosed check in token of our appreciation.

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To the Organizations, Clubs, Mayor, Officials and People of Lowell:

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HENRY F. SULLIVAN

Lowell, Mass.

DEATHS

ROY—Lillian Roy, daughter of Theophile and Elvine (Poulin) Roy, died yesterday at the home of her parents, Old Lowell road, Hudson, N. H., aged 8 months and 15 days.

FENTON—Patrick Fenton, former resident of Lowell, died in Amesbury, Saturday morning, after a brief illness. He leaves his wife, Mary, and two stepsons in Amesbury also a distant relative, Mr. Fay of South Chelmsford. Mr. Fenton lived in Lowell for more than 10 years and while here was employed by the Lamson Store Service Co., where he was well known and liked. The funeral took place in Amesbury this morning.

INGALLS—Mrs. M. Isabelle Ingalls, a former resident of this city, died December 16 in Minneapolis, Minn., aged 62 years. She leaves one niece, Mrs. O. C. Johnson of this city, and a nephew, Carl D. Spaulding of New York city. The body was brought to the rooms of Undertaker W. Herbert Blake, where services were held Saturday afternoon, Rev. C. E. Spaulding, D.D., of Worcester, officiating. The body was placed in the Spaulding tomb at Dunstable, where the committal service was read by Rev. Dr. Spaulding.

GEORGEOPOULOS—Alga Georgeopoulos died yesterday at the Lowell Corporation hospital. She leaves her husband, George Georgeopoulos, and three children. The body was removed to the rooms of Charles H. Molloy's Sons.

McGURN—Cornelius McGurn, a well known resident of this city, died yesterday at his home, 43 Hampstead street. He was one of the pioneer members of the Sacred Heart parish and had been an attendant of that church since its inception. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth (Gallagher) McGurn; two daughters, Mrs. William J. Flynn, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Griffin; two sons, Stephen C. and Neal J.; one sister, Miss Susan McGurn; one brother, John McGurn, and three grandchildren, William J. Flynn, Jr., Raymond F. and Ruth E. Griffin. Mr. McGurn had lived in Lowell for over 50 years.

McDOWALL—Mrs. Jane P. McDowall died yesterday at the Bentley farm, aged 60 years, 3 months and 16 days. She is survived by her husband, Harkness McDowall; one son, John P. McDowall of Tyngsboro, and two daughters, Mrs. T. C. Robertson of Tyngsboro and Mrs. Jane S. Strannigan of Scotland. Mrs. McDowall came to this country only about two months ago from Scotland and she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star at Kilmarnock, Scotland. The body was removed to the rooms of Undertaker George W. Healey, 236 Westford street.

BURRILL—Died Dec. 24, in this city, Mrs. Olive A. Burrill, aged 53 years and 9 days, widow of Fred S. Burrill, at the home of her brother, Samuel J. Bigelow, 123 Wilder street. She is survived by two sons, Elmer F. and Harold L. Burrill, both of Hartland, Me.; also two brothers, William R. Bigelow of Wearerville, Cal., and Samuel J. Bigelow of this city; one sister, Mrs. John Alders of Wellesley Farms, Mass. Burial will be in the family lot in the Baptist Hill cemetery, Skowhegan, Me.

FUNERALS

FARLEY—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret (Manley) Farley took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from her home, 35 Plummer avenue, and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where, at 9 o'clock, a mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Owen McQuaid, O.M.I. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Charles P. Smith, rendered the Gregorian chant. At the offertory Mrs. Hugh Walker rendered "Domine Jesu Christie" and at the conclusion of the mass Miss Isabel McKiernan sang "O Meritum Passionis." Mrs. Walker presided at the organ. There were many representatives of the older families of Lowell, Tewksbury and Dracut, where the deceased was well and favorably known. The bearers were Messrs. James O'Connell, Frank Reed, Patrick McKiernan, John Flanagan, Christopher Sheridan and Michael Corkill. There were many floral and spiritual offerings. The burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. McQuaid. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell and Sons.

PROVENCHER—The funeral of Roland Provencher, son of Wilfred and Alexina (Normand) Provencher, took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 157 Perkins street. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery. Arrangements were in charge of Funeral Director Joseph Albert.

SAKALIKOS—The funeral of Michael Sakalikos took place yesterday afternoon and services were held at Holy Trinity Greek church, the prayers were read by the pastor. There were many floral tributes. Burial was in Westlawn cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

BOROVOY—The funeral of Eunice O. Borovoy, daughter of Samuel and Kate (Rood) Borovoy, took place yesterday morning from the rooms of Undertakers Amedee Archambault and Sons. Owing to the cause of death burial was strictly private in the family lot in Ohava Codek cemetery in Dedham.

DEMERS—The funeral of Joseph G. Demers took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, Joseph A. and Diana (Fugere) Demers, 211 Pawtucket street. Burial was in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers Amedee Archambault and Sons.

STOTT—The strictly private funeral of Thomas Stott took place from his home, 203 Nesmith street, Saturday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Appleton Grannis, rector of St. Anne's Episcopal church. The bearers were John W., Walter S., Edward E., and Charles F. Stanley and Richard K. and Charles L. Stover Jr. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery. The arrangements were in charge of Udertaker George W. Healey.

HOYLE—Funeral services for Miss Clara E. Hoyle were held at the rooms of Undertaker Hiram C. Brown yesterday afternoon, Rev. Richard Peters, pastor of the Highland Congregational church, officiating. There were many beautiful flowers. The delegation from Evening Star Rebekah Lodge 20, consisted of Miss Lillian E. Allister, N.G.; Mrs. Bertha L. Hoogaboom, V.G.; Mrs. Georgia Queen, chaplain and Mrs. Etta G. Spaulding, treasurer, who also read the burial service of the order. The bearers were Silas R. Coburn, Percy Robinson, Mr. Igham and Francis Regnier. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, where Rev. Mr. Peters read the burial service. The arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Regnier and Regnier.

ALBERT—The funeral of Mrs. Josneikes (Michaud) Albert took place this morning from the home of her son, Joseph Albert, 173 Aiken street. Solemn high funeral mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's church at 9 o'clock by Rev. J. A. Roy, pastor of the Holy Rosary church, Rochester, N. H., and a nephew of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Emile Deline, O.M.I. as deacon and Rev. Joseph Pratt, O.M.I. as sub-deacon. The choir, under the direction of Telesphore Malo, sang Perreault's mass. The soloists were Mrs. Elodie Malo, Miss Stella Latour and Leo Bilodeau. At the offertory the choir sang "Domine Jesu Christi" and at the elevation Miss Stella Latour sang Jordan's "Pie Jesu." As the body was taken from the church the choir sang "De Profundis." Mlle. Lena B. Camiro was the organist. The bearers were Xavier Perreault, Delphis Belleville, Auguste Ouellette, Jean B. Gagnon, Arthur Beauchesne and Uwide Levasseur. There were many flowers. Burial was in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Foy read the committal prayers. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Thomas A. Saunders and Edward J. Lynch.

JUST A SUGGESTION

FOR THAT "LAST-MINUTE-GIFT"

Undoubtedly, if you have the experience of most people at this season of the year, you find at the eleventh hour you have overlooked some one whom you wish to remember at Yuletide. Perhaps it is that youngster for whom you were a godmother or godfather or possibly some older person, an aunt or an uncle, who would welcome the opportunity to open a savings account.

Let us suggest opening a savings account in the Middlesex National Bank and presenting the bank book as a Christmas gift. To some youngster friend you might give one of that institution's barrel banks. There can be no more sensible gift than the opportunity to practice thrift.

The bank will be open this evening from 7 to 9 o'clock for the accommodation of the public.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Local Organization Backs National Program of Transportation Development

Lowell chamber of commerce members and executives are backing measures that may soon be taken in the New England states contributing to the carrying out of a national program of transportation development, which will be discussed at length at the mid-year meeting of the eastern division of the chamber of commerce of the United States, to be held in Philadelphia, Jan. 17-18. If possible, the Lowell organization will be represented by delegates.

Six special committees are now working, under the auspices of the national chamber, preparing a preliminary survey of national transportation needs. These committees have already made a series of recommendation which will form the basis of discussion at a national transportation conference to be held in Washington just before the eastern division meeting.

The efforts of business men acting in concert will be exerted to the formation of a national transportation policy to meet the growing needs of the country as a whole. The relationship of the commercial, industrial and agricultural interests of the eastern and seaboard states, from Maine to Florida, to this larger plan and practical steps to put it into execution, will be considered at the sectional meeting in Philadelphia.

Secretary-Manager George F. Wells of the local chamber of commerce, said today that an opportunity will be afforded the business men of the city to present their views on such important questions as taxation, transportation, immigration and merchant marine. More than 700 commercial and industrial organizations, including the textiles will have representatives at the coming meeting.

Whatever action is taken at this conference will be submitted for final consideration to the annual convention of the national chamber, which will be held in Cleveland next spring.

RECITAL BY PUPILS OF MISS O'BRIEN

A very pleasant Christmas recital was held this afternoon at the studio of Miss Angela V. O'Brien, 65 Durant street. The program was given entirely by the junior class, the children ranging in age from eight to eleven years and was very creditably given, showing the results of the training received. Miss Mary O'Brien gave several splendid readings which were much enjoyed. The program was as follows:

Duet, Just We Two ..... Spalding
Nora Cahill, Anna Cahill
In May ..... Martin
Helena Rogers
Adeste Fideles Arranged by Greenwald
Thomas Fitzpatrick
Apple Song ..... Cramm
Anna Cahill
Evergreen and Holly ..... Franz
Rose Walsh
Scotch Airs ..... Harvey
Francis Furlong
Voices of Spring ..... Anthony
Julia Tully
Duet, First Study ..... Presser
Oritta Bolfe, Miss O'Brien
Plantation Airs ..... Kelser
Russell Kennedy
Reading.
Mary O'Brien
The Frightened Cloud ..... Craven
Nora Cahill
Evening Song ..... Vogt
Adolf Gondek
Vacation Time ..... White
Catherine Harrington
Silent Night...Arranged by Greenwald
Rita Flannery.
Swanee River ..... Foster Franz
John Alaksa
Dream Memories ..... Baldwin
Ruth Rogers

WAS STRUCK BY AUTO IN CENTRAL STREET

While crossing Central street, near Abbott, about 8.20 o'clock last Saturday night, James J. Brennan, 46 years of age, was struck and knocked down by a Ford automobile operated by Bernard J. Reaney, of 517 Lawrence street. The injured man was taken to St. John's hospital, where it was learned that he sustained injuries to his back, fortunately, not of a very serious nature.

According to the story of Mr. Brennan, as told by a sister, he and his wife started to cross the street, when Reaney's machine came along and the mudguard struck Mr. Brennan before he could get out of the way.

BASKETBALL AT Y.M.C.A.

In the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium last Saturday night, the boys of the advanced class defeated the Athenians at basketball by the score of 9 to 5. A. Gerous was the star of the game.

Wesleyan chapel in Mawnan, Cornwall, England, opened in 1815, had its first marriage ceremony only recently.

BANKRUPTCY HEARING

Customers of Bankrupt Brokerage House Lost $40,000 by False Quotation

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Customers of Scott Norris & Co., bankrupt cotton brokerage house, lost $40,000 on Nov. 2, when their accounts were closed out in fictitious loans, Benjamin Spicker, 20 year old margin clerk testified at a bankruptcy hearing today.

Accounts of approximately 4000 bales of cotton, he said, wee wiped out when the firm set a false quotation of 29.25 cents a pound, 45 points below the market. Arragements were made by the National Cotton and Grain exchange, he asserted to sign sales slips at that price with other brokers.

Within a few minutes after the accounts had been closed, Spicker testified the market advanced 200 points.

When Scott Norris & Co. failed on Nov. 16, he said, the firm was short 56,000 bales of cotton, worth almost $10,000,000.

CHLOROFORMED WATCHDOG, STOLE LIQUOR

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—After chloroforming a watchdog, bandits robbed the home of Crosdale Knorr, at Glenside, a suburb, of liquors worth $11,000, late Saturday night, it became known today. The bandits in their flight dropped $6500 in bonds taken from a desk. Rare wines and cordials were included in the liquor stock, police said.

THREATS AGAINST LIFE

Monnell Sayre, Wealthy Patron of Francis Kluxen, Remains Away From Church

CONVENT, N. J., Dec. 24.—Threats of serious consequences if he should again visit Grace Episcopal church with his prospective foster-son are declared by Monnell Sayre, wealthy patron of Francis Kluxen, to have been the reason for his absence at services yesterday. Kluxen, a Madison schoolboy, was taken in hand by Mr. Sayre last year after his acquittal of the murder of Janet Lawrence, school girl.

Mr. Sayre, who has taken steps to legally adopt Kluxen, took the boy to church the previous Sunday. Kluxen is a Catholic, but had expressed a desire to witness the Episcopal service, he said. The threats came after his church visit.

The boy's wealthy patron, who is vice president of the pension fund of the Episcopal church in America, announced that he would fight his opponents in the issue and he contemplated withdrawal of his membership at Grace church and transferring to St. Peter's at Madison. Many threats had been made against Kluxen's life, he said, and the boy was being kept indoors at the Sayre mansion. Some persons, he said, had told him that Kluxen, who is 16 years old, was believed guilty of the Lawrence murder and hinted that the Ku Klux Klan might take a hand.

Mr. Sayre said he did not attend services yesterday because he feared his presence, even without Kluxen, might precipitate a disturbance. The police had taken precautions against any disorders.

PROGRAM AT THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL

The following Christmas program was carried out at the Washington school, Friday:

Carols:
O Come All Ye Faithful.
Hark the Herald Angels Sing.
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.
Singing, A Song of Snowflakes,
Miss Palm's Class
Recitation, Clemence Larock
Piano solo, Cecile Larock
Recitation, Elton Parker
Singing, The Christmas Stocking,
Miss Palm's Class
Recitation, Beryl Andriola
Carols:
Away in a Manger.
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Silent Night
Recitation, Children from Miss Kilpatrick's Class
Song, Children from Miss Kilpatrick's Class
Recitation, Dorothy McShane, Marjorie Fernald, Marcia Lamphier
Piano solo, Eliot Cowdrey
Singing, The Beautiful Christmas Tree, Fourth Grades.
Recitation, Christmas Candles, five girls from Miss Brown's Room
Singing, Miss Everett's Class
Carols, Deck the Hall,
The First Noel.
Accompanist, Miss Carrie L. Brown.

SANTA WILL LEAVE MANY GOLD COINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. Gold coins will be left by Santa Claus in a greater number of Christmas stockings this year than ever before.

The total gold held by the Federal Reserve banks has decreased by more than $62,000,000 in the last 10 days, while the gold settlement fund operated by the Federal Reserve board has decreased by about $43,000,000, showing the unusual drain has been made on the stocks by those who desire to employ the coin as Christmas gifts.

TAXES OF $4248 ILLEGALLY ASSESSED

BOSTON, Dec. 24. The United States circuit court of appeals today reaffirmed the decision of Judge Morton of the federal district court to the effect that taxes amounting to $4248 were illegally assessed upon the Sterling Cider Co. of Sterling and should be refunded. The taxes were paid under protest on sales of sweet cider between Sept. 1, 1919, and Jan. 1, 1920.

The company brought suit to recover the amount paid and Judge Morton ruled in its favor on the ground that sweet cider was not a soft drink within the meaning of the revenue act. The case attracted the attention of cider manufacturers all over the country and counsel for their national association presented arguments in behalf of the company.

METAL EXCHANGES CLOSED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. The metal exchanges in New York and London were closed today.

FOUR SHOT IN ROUNDUP OF BOOTLEGGERS

MARION, Ill., Dec. 24.—Four men were shot, one seriously, in a round-up of alleged moonshiners and bootleggers in Williamson county, Saturday night and yesterday, and today 13 persons were held in the Franklin county jail at Benton and 62 were at liberty under bonds ranging from $2000 to $5000. All were charged with violating the federal prohibition law.

The raiders were led by C. J. Simons of Washington, D. C., who was sent here by Prohibition Director Havens. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan assisted in the raids, which were conducted without the knowledge of county authorities.

Armeto Techerchio of Freeman is in the hospital at West Frankfort, shot in the head, stomach and back. Three others were treated for superficial bullet wounds at West Frankfort.

Otis Clark, the first man indicted in connection with the Herrin mine killings, was among those arrested.

The raiders swoped down on all excitement in Benton, it being early and early yesterday there was great nearby towns almost simultaneously, excitement in Benton, it being estimated that more than 500 persons were gathered in the town square.

The raids came at a time when the alleged bootleggers were preparing for a big Christmas trade on the belief that the majority of dry agents had been called into Chicago for holiday duty.

VENIZELOS REQUESTS INFORMATION

ATHENS, Dec. 24. (By the Associated Press.)—Former Prime Minister Venizelos has telegraphed from Paris to Col. Plastiras of the revolutionary committee, requesting information as to the relative strength of the contending parties in Greece, it was announced today.

The ex-premier's request follows the sending late last week of an invitation to him to return to Greece and take the political situation in hand, without any restrictions upon his liberty of action. The invitation was sent by the revolutionary committee at the request of the council of ministers.

XMAS OBSERVANCE AT NO. BILLERICA

The annual celebration of Christmas began yesterday at St. Andrew's, North Billerica. The crib and many wreaths were in place for the children's observance in the afternoon. Under the direction of Rev. Sisters Alice of St. Charles and Catherine of the Visitation, both of the Order of Notre Dame, an appropriate program was carried out. A double mixed quartet sang a greeting. Edith Loranger followed with an expression of good wishes, after which "Adeste Fideles" was given by a chorus. Miss Etta Hoer, church organist, presided over the musical portion of the program.

J. David Welsh recited "Once in Royal David's City" and the chorus gave "What Lovely Infant." Then followed an acrostic declaration by five boys, each holding a card lettered with a letter of the name of Jesus and reciting a verse, the first letter of which conformed with the letter they held. The chorus, "Silent Night," was then given.

Rev. Charles J. Sullivan, D.D., pastor, and Rev. J. M. Cunningham, assistant pastor and Sunday school director, received gifts from the children and made fitting responses. Following benediction, the teachers and children received their Christmas tokens at the hands of the Misses Frances A. and Elizabeth C. Rogers.

Many parents and friends were present. Masses tomorrow will be celebrated at 8.30 and 10.30 o'clock, the latter mass being a high mass followed by benediction. The first mass will be sung by the children's choir. At the high mass the senior choir will render the following musical program:

Prelude; Christmas hymn, Cardinal O'Connell; Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei from the Mass of St. Cecilia by J. E. Turner. The Credo will be from Kornman's mass. Offertory: Adeste Fideles by Novello. Soloists: Mrs. John Lemos, Miss Dorothy Shipsey, Charles E. Fairbrother, James H. Gannon, John T. Fairbrother. Organist, Miss Etta Hoer.

Mass will be celebrated in the Pinehurst section of the parish at 10 o'clock.

CLOSE RESERVATIONS

Tickets to the Ad clubs annual souvenir dinner which takes place at Memorial Auditorium have been sold out. Five hundred covers will be set. Reservation requests are still being received but the limitation will not be changed.

Trumpeters At The Chalifoux Store

Gilbert Gilmore, Julius Coolens, William Regan, John J. Giblin

Beginning at 3 o'clock this afternoon and continuing hourly until 9 o'clock this evening, trumpeters in costume will play christmas carols from the second floor windows of the Chalifoux store at Central and Merrimack streets. It will be recalled that a similar Christmas novelty was inaugurated by the Chalifoux Co. last year and worked out so successfully that the trumpeters were re-engaged for this season.

The trumpeters are Lowell men, well known in musical circles, and include Gilbert Gilmore, Julius Coolens, William Regan and John J. Giblin, director.

Some of the tunes to be played by the quartet today are "Hail Smiling Morn," "Home, Sweet Home," "Silent Night," "Soldier's Farewell," "Adeste Fideles," "America," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "Holy Night," "Sun of My Soul," "Lion Hunt," "Country Wedding" and "Trumpeters' March" from Folkenger.

DROP IN TEMPERATURE IS PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—No "White Christmas" is in prospect, but there will be a bite in the air Christmas morning, of the last few days when summer-like weather has prevailed over a wide area. Light frost is predicted by the weather bureau for tonight, as far south as extreme northern Florida. Indications are for generally fair weather tonight and tomorrow in the middle Atlantic, south Atlantic east gulf states, Tennessee, the Ohio valley and the lower lake region. The only snowfall probable, is predicted for portions of New England and northern New York and this may turn to local rains.

Tonight the temperatures will be slightly lower in the middle Atlantic states, but they will rise slowly in the Atlantic states north of Virginia during Christmas day.

CHRISAMAS MESSAGE BY LADY ASTOR

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lady Astor today gave out a Christmas message to the United States and Canada in which she makes reference to the war days when she helped to minister to wounded Canadian soldiers on the Astor estate at Cliveden, Taplow, Buckinghamshire. The message is as follows:

"When Christmas comes, my heart turns back to Dixie and to Canada. I hope our Cliveden Canadians will miss us just a little. We shall think of them and drink their health in Grade A milk the kind they know so well."

TROOPS CALLED IN CUBAN STRIKE

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 24.—The government has despatched 200 soldiers from Camp Columbia to guard the property of the Cuba railroad, on which a general strike is in progress.

The road is operating one passenger train daily each way, preceded by detachments of the Rural guard in motor cars and the mails are operating such trains with their own crews. The walkout of shopmen and wharf employes of the northern railways of Cuba is declared to have caused comparatively little delay.

SPEED SKATING TRIALS

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The speed skating trials to determine the makeup of America's Olympic team are expected to be held as scheduled at Saranac Lake and Lake Placid the latter part of this week, as a result of cold weather. A heavy fall of snow was on the ground today.

THREE SCHOOLBOYS GET YULETIDE FAVORS

Lady Luck brought Yuletide favors to three schoolboys of Lowell and Chelmsford, this morning, winners of classy toboggans offered by the S. H. Harrison Co., Central street, in a free coupon prize contest that kept hundreds of boys of Lowell and surrounding towns on the qui vive during the past six weeks.

A big pine box containing the tickets bearing the names of the eager boy contestants, was the center of attraction at 10 o'clock this morning, when the drawings were scheduled to take place. Store employes, contestants bubbling over with anxiety, customers in abundance and others present as guests for the occasion, watched the judges draw from the box of tickets the winning names. The gentlemen who handled the contest were Clovis Belanger of L'Etoile, Charles Keyes of The Sun and Arthur Stackpole of the Courier Citizen.

The winners of the wonderful toboggans valued at $20 apiece, and shining with varnish and nickle-plate, seating six persons and polished up for the first snow slides on local hills and dales, were: No. 1, Hector Vallee of 141 Chelmsford street; No. 2, Walter Burns of 12 Bowers street; No. 3, Allan Kidder, Chelmsford Center.

Manager Goulson of the Central street establishment handled the details of the drawing and Mr. S. H. Harrison, president of the corporation, came down early to witness the exciting winding up of one of the merriest contests ever conducted by a local emporium.

From every viewpoint, the Harrison gifts were acceptable. One reason was that everything was free to the boys who earned the tickets were distributed gratis to all comers and it wasn't necessary to buy clothes or other wearing apparel in order to participate in the contest for the toboggans. It was Harrison's way of celebrating Christmas. That was the reason [illegible] influx of coupons that threatened to fill the big cedar ballot box that was used as a depository.

MRS. KATE FOOTE COE DEAD

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Kate Foote Coe, who died here yesterday, was formerly well known in literary circles of the country, serving in Washington as a correspondent for publications of note, writing under her maiden name of Kate Foote. Mrs. Coe was regarded as a pioneer worker in Indian affairs and was an honorary agent at one time and made a visit to the Alaskan Indians.

Plenty Neckties

to satisfy late buyers

If in doubt, give "him" a necktie. No man has too many.

Lots of choice new ties, offered today for the first time, at **$1.00.**

Better ties at **$1.50** and **$2.00.**

And for the last day—a special offer of $1.00 ties at **65c, 2 for $1.25.**

D. S. O'Brien Co.

222 Merrimack St.

MILLIONS AT HIS COMMAND

Death of George L. Wade, Sr., wealthy Kansas City (Mo.) sportsman who was killed by a runaway auto at a Los Angeles race track, left more than $7,000,000 to his adopted son, George L. Wade, Jr., shown in the picture. The youngster has just turned 7.

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15-Minute

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SALE

BEGINNING AT 8.15 TONIGHT THE PRICE ON ALL OUR TOYS WILL DROP 10% EVERY 15 MINUTES UNTIL OUR STORE CLOSES

Store Closes at 9.30 P. M.

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Things to Remember

Whenever a gas bill is abnormally large there is always a complete explanation for it

For instance, when you find a sudden or unusual increase in your bill, ask yourself:

Does the bill cover the same number of days as the previous bills with which the current bill is compared?

Has the weather been to blame?

Has there been sickness in the house?

Have I had company during the month?

Have the servants or others used more gas than I am aware of?

Have any additional gas appliances been installed?

Have I been wasting gas because an appliance need adjustment?

LOWELL GAS LIGHT COMPANY

Appliance Store 73 Merrimack St.

"You Can Do It Better With Gas"

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

—FROM—

ADAMS HARDWARE and PAINT CO.

351 MIDDLESEX ST. 24 KING ST.

Radio Broadcasts

WNAC, BOSTON.
1050 Kc. 278 Metres

5 p. m.—Stock market quotations.
5.05 p. m.—Act 3, Scene 3, from The Tidings Brought to Mary.
6 p. m.—Children's half hour, Mrs. William H. Stewart, assisted by Leona May Smith, cornet, and Christmas carols by the Lancaster theatre chorus of little children from the North End.
7.30 p. m.—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, music for violin, harp and organ.
8 p. m.—Service of carols, Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
9.50-12 p. m.—City of Boston celebration, broadcast from Boston common.
9.50 p. m.—Address by Mayor James M. Curley.
10 p. m.—Selection by band.
10.30 p. m.—Christmas carols, John Marshall's group.
10.50 p. m.—Band selections.
11 p. m.—Christmas carols, Unitarian Laymen's league.
11.20 p. m.—Band selections.
12 p. m.—Trumpeters.

WJAR, PROVIDENCE.
920 Kc. 326 Metres

8.15 p. m.—The Providence chamber of commerce in co-operation with a group of singers from the Choral Art society, the University Glee club and the Monday Morning Musical club, will broadcast Christmas carols.
8.55 p. m.—The Place Concert company, Helen C. Place, soprano; Ada Smith, contralto; Harold Stronz, tenor; Herbert Taylor, baritone; Miss Alice Hargreaves, guest; Ralph C. Mills, cornetist.

WOO, PHILADELPHIA.
590 Kc. 509 Metres

7.30 p. m.—Dinner music from Hotel Adelphia Concert orchestra.
8 p. m.—Ralph Bingham.
8.15 p. m.—WOO orchestra; Ambrose McIntyre, baritone; Harriette G. Ridley, accompanist.
9.15 p. m.—Erno Rapee and his orchestra.
9.55 p. m.—Time signals and weather forecast.
10.30 p. m.—Organ recital; Miss Mary E. Vogt, assisted by Miss Myrtle Eaver, pianist, and the Meistersingers.

WGI, MEDFORD HILLSIDE

5.30 p. m.—Closing stock market reports furnished by Elmer H. Bright & Company, members of the New York and Boston stock exchange.
Agriograms furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.
Live stock market reports.
Wool market; news furnished by the Commercial Bulletin of Boston.
6.00 P. M.—"Just Boy," a broadcast from the American Boy Magazine.
6.15 P. M.—Code practice, lesson number 156.
6.45 P. M.—Boston police reports, Boston police headquarters.

CHRISTMAS DAY

12.00 Noon.—Noonday musicale.
12.40 P. M. New England weather forecast furnished by the U. S. weather bureau.
12.45 P. M.—Closing report on Farmers produce market report.
3.00 P. M.—Amrad Women's Club program:
1 "Hospitality Talk," by Ida Bailey Allen given through the courtesy of John Morell & Co. and read by Miss Marjorie Drew.
2 Descriptive musicale arranged by Chickering & Son's Co., Boston. All numbers played by the Ampico in the Chickering.
5.30 P. M.—Closing stock market reports furnished by Elmer H. Bright & Co. Members of the New York and Boston stock exchange.
Weekly review of condition in the Iron and Steel industry.—Iron Trade review.
6.30 p. m.—Boston police reports, Boston police headquarters.
6.40 P. M.—Code practice, lesson number 157.
7.00 P. M.—Evening program:
1 Weekly business report compiled by Roger W. Babson.
2 Amrad, WGI, will celebrate Christmas by inviting some of the old original broadcasters back to entertain. This will include speakers and those who have sung or played from this old station long before radio was generally known to exist. Among the features of the evening will be a test called in the way it used to be done among amateurs as early as 1915.

WHN, NEW YORK,
850 Kc. 360 Meters

7.30-12 p. m.—Musical program.

KWG, BUFFALO.
340 Kc. 319 Meters

6.30 p. m.—Dinner music by Vincent Lopez, Hotel Statler, Dance Orchestra.
7.30 p. m.—Digest of the day's news.
8 p. m.—Christmas carols by the Delaware Avenue Baptist church.

WJZ, NEW YORK,
660 Kc. 455 Meters.

7.30 p. m.—"Dogs," by Frank Dole.
8 p. m.—"Christmas Thoughts," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.
8.15 p. m.—Literary minutes.
8.30 p. m.—Organ recital.
9.05 p. m.—Christmas carols by the West End Presbyterian church choir.
11.30 to 12 Midnight. Carol service by the singers and chimes of the "Hunchback of Notre Dame."
12 Midnight—"Merry Christmas."

KDKA, PITTSBURG,
920 Kc. 326 Meters.

6 p. m.—Dinner concert by the Little Symphony Orchestra.
7.15 p. m.—Radio Girl Scout meeting conducted by Laura Helland.
7.45 p. m.—A Christmas program for the kiddies.
8.15 p. m.—Concert by the KDKA Little Symphony Orchestra, assisted by the Edgar Thomson Male Quartet and a mixed chorus, presenting a special Christmas concert.
9.45 p. m.—Arlington time signals. Weather forecast.
11 p. m.—Special Christmas eve program presented by the KDKA Little Symphony Orchestra and assisting artists.

WRC, WASHINGTON,
630 Kc. 469 Meters.

8 p. m.—The Political Situation in Washington, by Frederic William Wile.
8.15 p. m.—Song recital by Harriet Morton, soprano.
8.30 p. m.—Song and banjo recital by Bob Foster.
8.45 p. m.—Song recital by Herman Fiedler, baritone.
9 p. m.—Nordica Mandolin, Banjo and Guitar Orchestra.
9.30 p. m.—A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens.
9.55 p. m.—Time signals and weather reports.
10 p. m.—Song recital by Ruth Peale, soprano, soloist of the Church of the Covenant.
11 p. m.—Program of Christmas carols by the choir of St. John's church, the Church of the Presidents.
12 p. m.—Dance program by the

WBZ, SPRINGFIELD,
337 Kc. 337 Meters.

8 p. m.—Dance concert by the WBZ Trio.
7 p. m.—This week in history. Late news from the National Industrial Conference board. Humorous program.
7.30 p. m.—Twilight tales for the kiddies. Farmers' period. Credit by Co-operation, by Edward H. Thompson.
8 p. m.—Concert by the WBZ Trio, and Dorius Zades, tenor; Mrs. Francis Regal, accompanist.
9 p. m.—Bedtime story for grown-ups.
9.55 p. m.—Arlington time signals.

WOR, NEWARK.
740 Kc. 405 Meters.

6.15 p. m.—Santa Claus will speak to the children.
6.20 to 7.20 p. m.—Music While You Dine.
8 p. m.—Motion picture talk.
8.15 to 8.45 p. m.—Program under the direction of H. Emerson Yorke.
9 to 920 p. m.—Continuation of program under the direction of H. Emerson Yorke.
9.30 p. m.—Soprano solo by Mary Barron.
10 p. m.—Second talk by Capt. E. P. Jessop, U.S.N., retired, on The Panama Canal.

DR. LEO J. HILL

DENTIST

Room 204 Bradley Building

Central Street

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OBSERVED ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

Yesterday, Rev. John J. Shaw, pastor of St. Michael's church, observed the 41st anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained in 1882, and celebrated his first mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Salem, his native city. On Dec. 27, of the same year, he was appointed to St. Patrick's church in this city

REV. JOHN J. SHAW

and was later assigned to St. John's, North Chelmsford, as pastor. He went to St. Michael's upon the appointment of Rev. William O'Brien to the pastorate of St. Patrick's.

During Fr. Shaw's regime as head of the flock of St. Michael's, the parish has witnessed a marvelous growth. A new and modern school has been erected and several other improvements brought to pass. Fr. Shaw was the recipient of many congratulatory messages yesterday.

The Lowell Memorial Auditorium has a seating capacity of 4000. Imagine the Auditorium filled to capacity 20 times and you will get some idea of the number of people who read The Sun daily, and 90 per cent of the 80,000 readers of The Sun take no other Lowell newspaper.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

BROADWAY CLUB PLANS CHRISTMAS TREE

Plans have been completed by the Broadway club for the 13th Christmas tree exercises at its rooms this evening. The large tree outside the club will be illuminated at 5 o'clock this afternoon and the ceremonies will get under way at 5.30 under the direction of Chairman Timothy F. O'Sullivan.

The exercies will be interrupted at 11.30 o'clock when the members will attend midnight mass in St. Patrick's church. They will be resumed, with dancing, after the mass and continue until 2.30.

The program will be as follows: Overture, orchestra; solos, Misses Bessie O'Brien and Genevieve Paul; dancing specialty, Master Edward McInerney and Miss McGovern, greetings, Mayor John J. Donovan; song, Miss Mary Flanagan; remarks, President William A. Walsh; song and dance, Mrs. Jennie Conway, solo, Miss Rita Halloran; dance and song specialty, Dwyer sisters; solo, Miss Mabel Hogan; solo, Miss Helen Crane; song and dance, Little May Conway, solo, Miss Mae Callahan, and solos by John Ball, Eddie Donahue and James Deignan.

OFFERS BLOOD TO MAN WHO PROSECUTED HIM

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A man named L. Rappell, who said Thomas Lee Woolwine, former district attorney of Los Angeles, had sent him to prison in the California city, called at the hotel here where Mr. Woolwine is ill and offered to give a pint of blood to the man who prosecuted him. Rappell's offer, however, was not accepted, as the doctors had already decided to take the blood from the little hotel maid who attends the Woolwine family. She was one of several volunteers.

CHRISTMAS EVE SUPPERS COME HIGH

PARIS, Dec. 24.—It will take a fat purse to partake of one of the traditional Christmas eve suppers at any of the thousand and one restaurants in Paris tonight. The humblest cafe is asking 25 francs for a meagre feast, with wine extra. Those establishments that advertize jazz band music are charging 200 francs for a repast, the chief feature of which is a portion of turkey, unaccompanied by cranberry or any other sauce.

IMPORTANT PROMOTIONS IN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Two important promotions in the fire department are announced by Chief Edward F. Saunders, in the advancement of Capt. Richard E. Burns to the position of district chief and of Lieut. Patrick F. Mahoney to the grade of captain.

The creation of a fourth district chief gives Chief Saunders the opportunity to assign two deputies to each platoon, an arrangement he has felt the need of for some time.

Capt. Burns, the new district chief, has been in the department for 34 years and at present is in charge of Engine 6, Fletcher street. Lieut. Mahoney, who now advances a grade, also is a veteran in the department and at present is on duty with Engine 5.

BIG HOTEL AT KOBE DESTROYED

TOKIO, Dec. 14.—(By The Associated Press)—The Oriental hotel at Kobe was partly destroyed by fire early this morning. All of the occupants are believed to have escaped. Many of them fled to safety in their sleeping garments.

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Special Christmas Offer

FOR TODAY ONLY

Any Gas Appliance in Our Store Installed in Your Home for $1.00

Remainder in Easy Monthly Payments

Gas Table Lamps
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There are some real bargains in Gas Floor and Table Lamps. Prices reduced for the day.

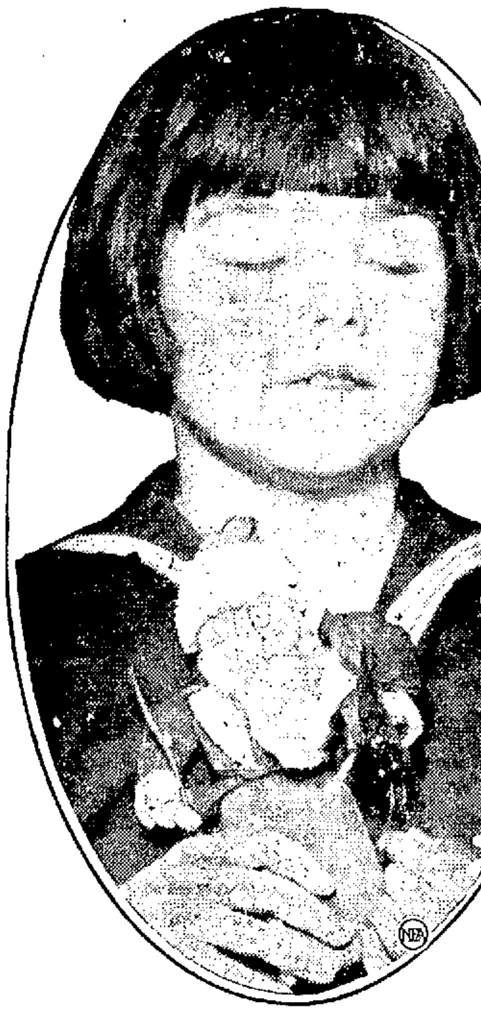
Lowell Gas Light Company

Appliance Store, 73 Merrimack Street Phone 349

"You Can Do It Better With Gas"

Merry Christmas

Although She's Blind, Margaret Knows What Santa Looks Like



MAAGARET MALFETTI

By JOSEPHINE VAN DE GRIFT
N.E.A. Service Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Six-year-old Margaret Malfetti is blind.

Not for her the tinseled reds and greens of Christmas, the vision of a candle-decked Christmas tree, the breath-taking wonder of a fat old saint, all wrapped in red flannel, who leans down over a black iron pot to ask little girls what they want for Christmas.

But Margaret knows there's a Santa Claus. Her childish faith has told her so. Her plump little fingers have sought out all the creases in a fat little Santa Claus doll that her teacher, Miss Marion Miller, has put into her hand over at the New York Institute for the Blind.

Besides, two years ago, Margaret's cousin lay awake on Christmas eve and "peeked" at Santa Claus.

"Of course," says Margaret, "it was an awful thing for him to do and if Santa had known, I doubt if he'd have put a single present in my cousin's stocking.

"Gee, I wish I could see Santa Claus. But anyway, I think I could draw a picture of him.

"First of all, Santa Claus is very fat. That's because he laughs so much and is fond of children. Then, too, he's padded out pretty much because up at the north pole, where he lives, it's cold and sometimes Santa builds such a big fire that the snow melts and runs away from his house for miles.

"Then Santa has a long, white beard, something like what my mother stuffs her comforts with. His beard is so long because Santa's very old. He's a hundred and five years old and this year he'll be a hundred and six.

"I don't know what color Santa's face is, but on his head he has a cap that comes way down over his ears. I don't have to have ear-flaps on my cap because my hair is bobbed and that keeps my ears warm.

"Then on his back Santa has a Christmas tree and a great big bag full of presents for us children. For me he has a little doll in a trunk with a lot of clothes and then a baby doll with a peace-fire. A peacefire is what they give to babies to keep them quiet.

"And for Eugene he is bringing a train of cars and a bugle and some soldiers and a gun because last year and the year before he didn't get over to Eugene's house. He couldn't get over on account of the river.

"But I know that Santa can drive his reindeer and his sled on the ferry and the ferry can take them across.

"Santa has eight—no, six—reindeer on his sled and they have long, beautiful horns, like a lady I knew once that had a hat-rack.

"Once I was in Central Park and there was a deer there. He had 11 spokes to his horns and a boy told me that meant he was 14 years old.

"I wouldn't be s'prised if Santa's deer were just like that deer in Central Park."

NOT SUCH A BAD OLD WORLD, AFTER ALL

WHY NOT ALWAYS?

Christmas is easily the finest, most enjoyable day in the year, because of the gifts and feasting, and because on Christmas the best and finest of human emotions and ethics come to the surface.

Charity, tolerance, geniality, brotherhood, kindness—these are so in evidence at Christmas that they seem to be in the very air we breathe. And the reason is that all these are Christmas qualities, and that Christmas is the only day when these finer qualities are so generally present that they are a natural part of daily life.

Humanity is struggling for a goal unknown. We wonder if that goal is not the happy time when the spirit of Christmas will, instead of being confined to a day or a season, spread out to include all days of the year.

GAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SOLDIERS' HOME

Inmates of the Soldiers' home in Chelsea were given a Christmas party yesterday, by a group of members of B. F. Butler Relief corps of this city, and a large number of Christmas gifts and tasty foodstuffs were distributed among the veterans. Miss Helen Casey impersonated Santa Claus and was assisted in the distribution of gifts by the following committee: Ella Leary, chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Mrs. Alice Fetch, Mrs. Catherine Frawley, Mrs. Catherine Gott, Mrs. George Etta Souza, Mrs. Mary Prescott and Mrs. Elizabeth Dodge. Transportation was furnished by Frank Dodge, Sanford Leary and Paul Gott.

SOFA PILLOW FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT

About 20 yards of one-inch ribbon go to make up the greater part of this attractive sofa pillow. With an oval taffeta centre surrounded by tiny ruffles of this ribbon in a shaded violet color, and a rose-colored flower design in the centre, there is enough color to liven any room. The taffeta in the centre is banded by a yard of metallic braid.

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS

Celebration This Year Will Have a Strong Anglo-Saxon Flavor

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Christmas celebration in Paris this year will have a strong Anglo-Saxon flavor, judging from indications today. Owing to the favorable exchange rate fully 75 per cent. of the tables reserved at the city's leading restaurants and brightest Christmas resorts have been reserved by English-speaking visitors, among whom Americans predominate. For all of them the supply of traditionally suitable food promises to be ample.

The holiday is being observed over a three-day period, the Bourse, the banks and the big wholesale firms closing down Saturday until Wednesday morning.

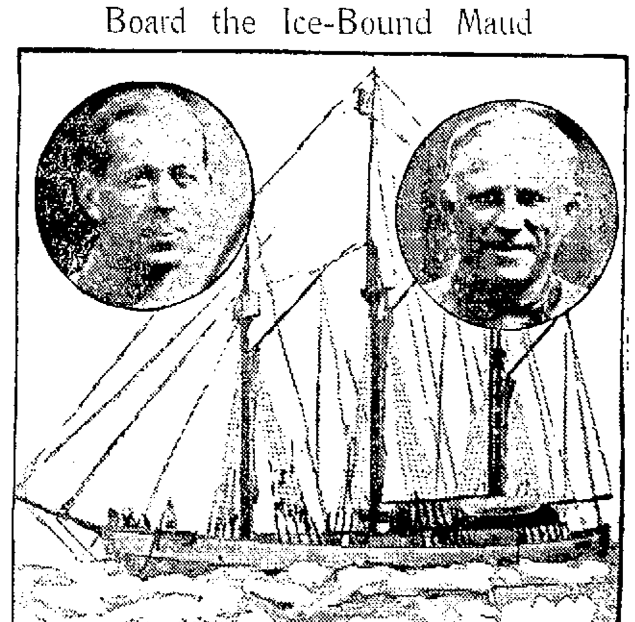
PAGEANT GIVEN AT BILLERICA CHURCH

Under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. William L. Walsh, a pageant, "The Nativity," was given at the First Parish church in Billerica Sunday morning in conjunction with the regular services. Mrs. Hildegarde Woodbury was at the organ, and a special program of music arranged by Harry Mallett, chorister, was arranged. Those who took part in the impressive presentation were as follows: Angels, Misses Tutein, Collier, McQuaid, St. John, Helen Elder, Joseph, Winthrop Page, Mary, Miss Ethel Evans; Shepherds, Messrs. Bowen, Thayer, Walsh; Kings, Messrs. Jacobs, Mezow, Oguro; Apostles, members of the Y. P. R. U.; Disciples, the church school.

Following is the order of service:
Organ Prelude.
Announcements.
Prelude Carol...... Adeste Fideles
Church School.
Processional.
Choir and congregation, O Little Town of Bethlehem.
Prayer, Response.
Scripture Prophecies.
The Pageant, A Devotion
Enter Angels and Heavenly Host, Little St. John, followed by Joseph and Mary.
Choir, Silent Night.
Scripture.
Choir and congregation, It Came Upon the Midnight.
Visit of Shepherds.
Scripture.
Choir, The Three Kings.
Adoration of the Magi.
Scripture.
Flight into Egypt.
Choir, Hark the Herald Angels Sing.
Scripture.
Enter Angels, Light of the World.
Enter Apostles, who light candles from the angel.
Enter disciples, who light candles from apostles.
Choir, Noel.
Recessional.
Organ postlude.

Xmas Sweet Cider, Boyle Bros.

Christmas Boxes for Six Years On Board the Ice-Bound Maud



THE SCHOONER MAUD. ABOVE, PROF. H. U. SVERDRUP AND CAPTAIN OSCAR WISTING.

By N.E.A. Service

NOME, Alaska, Dec. 24.—"Somewhere around 76" is the schooner Maud.

Locked helplessly in the polar ice, so isolated from civilization that no help can reach them, the Maud and her crew, comprising the Amundsen Arctic drift expedition that left here June 28, 1922, are facing their second Christmas beneath the starless heaven of the ice day Arctic midnight, the blackest period of the four-month polar darkness.

The hardy crew, as adventurous a band of argonauts as ever lived, is drifting with the ice across the north pole, across the top of the world, in an effort to ascertain whether the ice and current drift from the Bering sea to the Greenland sea, a determination of which will profoundly affect the world's weather forecasting. Their voyage will occupy five, maybe seven years.

Their leader, Captain Roald Amundsen, famous Arctic and Antarctic explorer, is back in the United States, having temporarily abandoned his proposed airplane flight across the north pole.

A polar Christmas

If ever there were a dreary setting for Christmas day, it is the one of made-alone cold and trackless icy wastes surrounding the crew of the 300-foot schooner Maud, who have sacrificed the comforts of home and the civilized world in the interests of that stern goddess, Science.

But they will have their Christmas just the same. They are not to be denied the one day of celebration, this cheering remnant of an almost-forgotten world, for packed in the ship's hold are six large boxes, each of them marked with a date. One was opened last Christmas; the others are for the succeeding ones.

Imagine, then, that it is Christmas on board the Maud. Inside the little, gaily decorated cabin sit half a dozen men eagerly watching Captain Oscar Wisting, their present leader, and Prof. H. U. Sverdrup, scientist of the expedition.

In front of Captain Wisting is a huge box marked, "To be opened Christmas day, 1923." The captain pries open the lid while the men look on expectantly.

First, and best of all, there are letters from the loved ones at home, letters that have been lying in that box for more than a year and a half, which, nevertheless, are seized eagerly and read avidly, and bring unashamed tears to their eyes.

Presents for All

And separately wrapped, are presents for each of the crew. From the family, from friends and from kind-hearted Norwegians and Americans who were let in on the secret and insisted on contributing.

So the letters are read and the presents are distributed, and the crew then sits down to its Christmas dinner.

But that is not all! Shut off though they are, they are within reach of the wireless that probes the ether for them regularly from the Norwegian coast.

The Maud's big radio will be kept busy this Christmas day receiving and sending greetings between the firesides of Norway and the frozen wastes of the top of the world.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Big Attendance at C. Y. M. L. Meeting Sunday Afternoon —Executive Board Reports

The regular meeting of the C.Y.M.L. was held in its rooms, Suffolk street, yesterday afternoon, and was one of the largest and most enthusiastic held by this popular club in a number of years. President John J. Mahoney occupied the chair.

The report of the executive board disclosed the fact that during the past month 19 new members were added to the roll and 11 applications are now under investigation.

A communication from the Lowell safety work committee was read and it was voted to send President John J. Mahoney, Vice-President John W. McGuinness and Secretary James F. Sullivan to the next meeting to represent the forum.

The question of running a carnival was taken up and after considerable discussion the following committee was appointed with power to make all arrangements for the same: Timothy F. Rohan, chairman; John F. Murphy, Jas. P. Saunders, Raymond O'Roon, Joseph McNamara, Philip Farmer, John Martin, Joseph Hession, William Cronin, James McPhillips, Martin H. Gavan, Edward Clowrey, Victor Bernadin, William Monahan and John J. Mahoney. The committee will meet Christmas morning to arrange plans.

The athletic committee reported that all the apparatus in the gym has been put in first-class shape and the members are making good use of it.

The Christmas tree committee reported that all is in readiness for the exercises which will be held in the rooms Christmas afternoon. The tree is now in place, the musical and literary program is all arranged, and the hall is decorated in the season's colors. The exercises will start promptly at 2.30 o'clock.

The radio question, which was discussed freely last spring, was next taken up. It was the sense of the members that the forum should install one at once, and a committee of 10 to have charge of securing and installing one will be named at the exercises Christmas afternoon.

The pool and game committee reported that the recent card tournaments were a success, and that it was their intention to continue them during the winter months, giving a prize each week to the winner. They also reported that the pool and billiard tables have been put in first class shape and tournaments will start in the near future.

The educational committee reported that the class in public speaking and oral English is a success, and that a class in automobile repairing and another in business English and civil service are being formed, and just as soon as enough members signify their intention of enrolling, the classes will be started.

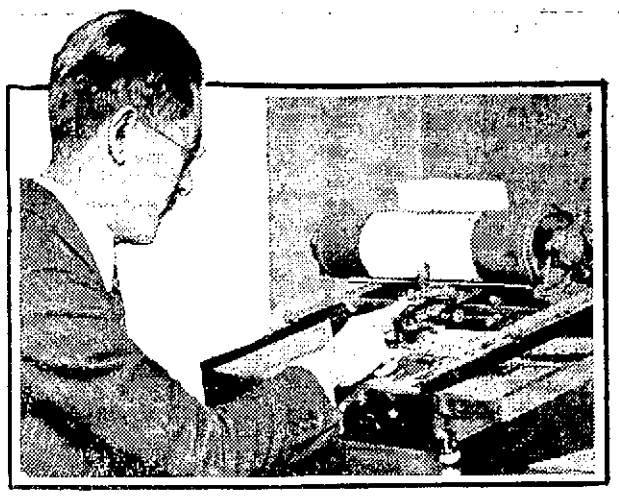
Rev. Thomas J. McDonough, the forum's spiritual director, gave a very interesting and instructive talk to the members, which was listened to with marked attention, after which the meeting adjourned to Sunday, January 6th.

NAVAL EXPEDITION BY FLOATING SCHOOL

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—Equipped as a model floating school the auxiliary power schooner Bover will sail from Seattle Wednesday on a novel expedition for southeastern Alaska, where her officers will undertake to teach the natives various trades, including wireless telegraph and navigation, it is announced by J. H. Wagner, supervisor here of the United States bureau of education.

Fifteen villages of the Tolinget, Tempsean and Haydah Indians are on the vessel's itinerary. The plan is the idea of W. T. Lepp, former manager of the bureau, who will accompany the vessel as far as Anchorage, where he will become superintendent of education for Alaska.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



TAKES A CENTIPEDE TO RUN IT

This Chinese typewriter, property of the Japanese embassy at Washington, has 2150 different characters, each fitted into small square compartments. The device is so heavy that two men are required to lift it. Photo shows a member of the embassy staff about to give her the gas.

HAPPY CHILDREN AT THE DAY NURSERY

Fifty happy, gleriously happy children danced merrily around Santa Claus this afternoon at the Day Nursery in First street as he generously distributed his load of toys among the happy little tots, whose smiles of gratitude shone through faces which portrayed a pretty picture of the results of candy munching, previous to Santy's arrival.

As Santa drew up to the home in his sleigh and hollered "Whoa, Comet; pull up, Dixen," the little ones were at the door with eyes opened wide to greet their old friend, who, true to his note left at the foot of the chimney on Friday evening, came to deliver his toys to good little boys and girls.

"Gee, ain't it grand!" exclaimed Johnny as he watched his choo-choo cars spin 'round and 'round over the tracks. And Mary's ma-ma doll was the centre of attraction as she held it at arms-length to admire its beautiful dress of sheerest material. Of course each little boy and girl got something pretty and just what he and she loved, and it was a merry group that ran to happy mothers seated in the large playroom where the Christmas tree was placed, to show their "presents."

But Santa had to leave and the little tots once more opened the door for him as he drew his empty pouch under his arm. And with the final echo of "On, Comet," ringing in their ears, the children returned in-doors where a dainty feast awaited them and in which mothers and children participated.

Tired, yet happy, the youngsters returned to their homes early in the evening, some even nodded their curly heads as they rested on mother's shoulder, too sleepy to stay up tonight and greet old Kris Kringle on his special visit to their home.

CATHOLIC WOMEN GIVE OUT XMAS BASKETS

Through its committee on social service, of which Miss Marietta Dwyer is chairman, the League of Catholic Women has distributed over seventy Christmas baskets, each containing sufficient food to provide a holiday dinner for a family of six. The money was raised through voluntary contributions and through whist parties.

The distribution was carefully made following a check of families to be cared for through the Catholic Charities bureau and Lowell lodge, B.P.O. Elks in order that duplication would be avoided.

FOR SETTLEMENT OF CANTON SITUATION

CANTON, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press) The critical situation which has prevailed here for nearly two weeks as a result of the demand of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, South China leader, for surplus customs revenues is believed to have passed.

Negotiations for settlement of the question are said to be progressing satisfactorily and sailors from the French cruiser Jules Ferry, one of the flotilla of foreign warships concentrated in the harbor, have returned to Hong Kong.

It is hoped in official circles that the stage will soon be reached at which the vigilance of the foreign powers, represented by nearly a score of gunboats in the harbor, anchored off Shameen, the foreign section of the city, where the administrative offices of other nations are located, may be relaxed and the foreign warships withdrawn.

The French sailors who already have left, recently landed at Shameen and were stationed in the old French post office building after Sun's threat to seize the customs to prevent their payment to the Peking government, which he opposes.

ATTEND FUNERAL OF A. A. MILLIKEN

A delegation of Chevalier Middlesex lodge, Knights of Pythias, went to Nashua in a body yesterday to attend the funeral at the First Baptist church there of the late Almon A. Milliken.

Mr. Milliken was a member of the local lodge for over thirty years and was until recently an overseer at the Lawrence Mfg. Co., leaving that position to become employment manager of the Nashua mills. His death occurred on Friday and he was in his seventieth year.

TO BURY BOYLE IN SALEM

The body of Joseph F. Boyle, Newark holdup man who formerly lived here, was carried from the New Jersey metropolis to Salem yesterday for burial. Elmer Baldwin of Salem, a brother-in-law, accompanied the body.

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT CRESCENT RINK

Continuous roller skating will be the holiday feature at the Crescent Rink, Hurd street, on Christmas day, when the doors will be thrown open at 10 o'clock in the morning to remain open until 10.30 in the evening. This plan will afford patrons an opportunity to skate as long as they desire, without any extra charge.

The floor at the rink has been resurfaced. The supply of skates is new and of the best model, and the music is ideal for skating. In fact, the entire equipment at the Crescent compares favorably with any rink in the country. Courteous and efficient instructors and attaches are on duty at all times and the manager is one of the best qualified rink men in the east.

Skating sessions will also be held the coming week on Monday and Wednesday evenings and on Friday and Saturday afternoon and evenings.

POPULATION OF SAN FRANCISCO 579,587

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The population of San Francisco within its municipal limits is 579,587, an increase of 71,377 over the federal census estimate of 1920, according to a survey just completed by the San Francisco Examiner.

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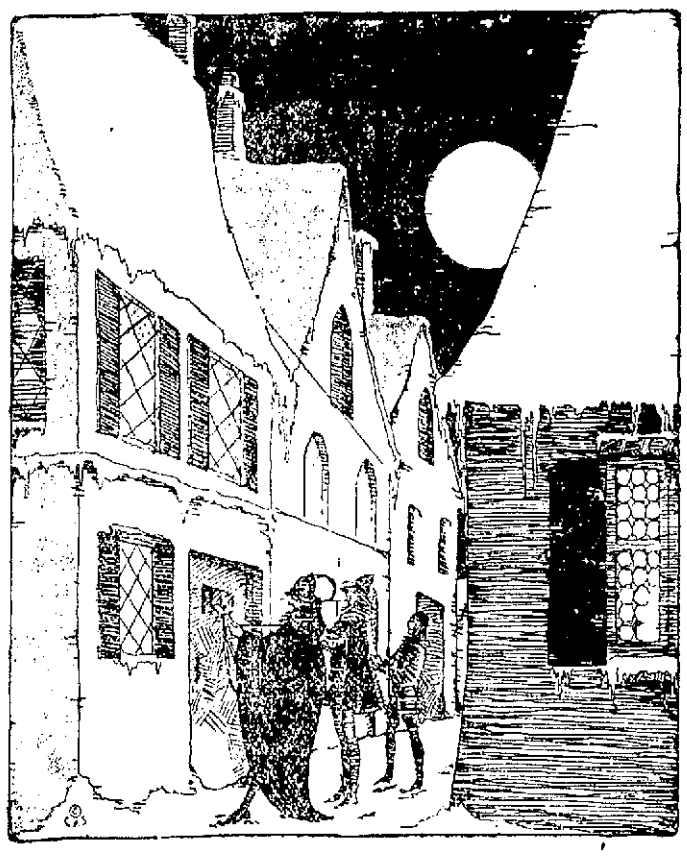

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TEDDY GREETS SANTA

Yes, Santa Claus has been around to see Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy. And he brought him a big batch of Christmas seals.

WILL CELEBRATE HAPPY CONTRAST CHRISTMAS

BY STEVE HANNAGAN
N.E.A. Service Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Last Christmas, John Deine was the lonesomest, most miserable unfortunate in all New York.

But this Yuletide he's one of the happiest men in town.

On Christmas eve last year, he "carried the banner." Which, translated from the lingo of the "down-and-outers," means walking the streets for want of a "flop."

On Christmas day, he missed a turkey dinner solely because he didn't

JOHN DEINE

have the lone nickel charitable organizations were charging that the hungry might retain their respectability.

A champion boxer in the navy, Deine, now 26, breezed into town with a nice little nest egg, bent on becoming just as famous in the ring as the fairy Prince of Fistiana, William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey.

But his savings didn't last long in New York. A few weeks and he was "on his back."

An employment agency sent him to a construction camp miles and miles from here. After working three days—just long enough to pay his transportation and his board and keep—he received a discharge slip.

Penniless, he walked 50 miles to a boat landing on the Hudson river. There a negro, the only man who pitied him in his plight, paid his fare back to New York.

Tramps Bowery

He landed back the day before Christmas amid the hustle and bustle of Yuletide preparation.

His feet, protruding from the soles of his shoes, beat a painful dirge on the cold sidewalks. A novice in the role of "down-and-outer," he was "up against it" right.

All night long he walked his Christmas vigil on the Bowery. Daybreak found him still tramping in and out the narrow streets.

Even on Christmas there was no haven of relief for a man not "in the know" and too proud to beg.

Business Man Now

For two days he didn't have a single mouthful of food.

Then luck turned. He got a job as a handler on a fruit dock.

Now he's running a "hot dog" stand. Business is good. And he spends his evenings in training at a "gym."

"You bet I'm going to have a happy Christmas this year," he smiles.

"I'll walk the same beat I did last year. But I'll be bundled up in a nice warm overcoat, and I'll search for the fellows who really are on the 'flat' and too proud to ask for help—just like I was."

ELABORATE PROGRAMS IN LOCAL CHURCHES

Elaborate musical programs, pageants and pantomimes, and appropriate exercises with fervent religious appeal, in addition to stirring pastoral sermons filled with the spirit of reverence for the wonderful story of Bethlehem, featured the annual Christmas observances in Lowell Protestant churches yesterday.

The Christmas spirit was radiant in every sacred edifice of worship. There were Christmas greens and abundance of floral emblems in the chancels, Christmas sermons in the pulpits and Christmas solos, oratorios and carols by augmented choirs.

Weather conditions, far from ideal and wholly unseasonable for this time of the year, had no marked effect on the spirits of young and old who filled the churches morning and evening almost to overflowing.

Particularly notable in many of the Protestant church programs yesterday was the array of young people, many of whom took prominent parts in the elaborate observances scheduled. Emphasizing the real spirit of Christmas, too, thousands of church-goers yesterday contributed with generous hearts to many appeals for Yuletide charities, as the Savior would have it. The amounts contributed in some religious institutions will be distributed to deserving people between now and New Year's day.

At the First Baptist church, an elaborate musical program under the direction of Warren Reid and Organist Wilfred Kershaw was provided for members. Dr. Edward Babcock preached on "The Star of the East," at the evening service.

At Calvary Baptist church, Rev. C. L. Fowler preached and the choir presented a fitting program greatly enjoyed by a large congregation. In the evening, the annual "white gifts" service was conducted with a beautiful pageant, "When Jesus Was Born."

At Fifth Street Baptist church, Rev. C. D. Piper's sermon, "The Wise Men from the East," was a feature of the morning service. The church school presented an elaborate pageant in the evening, entitled "The Prophetic Child."

At the Chelmsford Street Baptist church, there was a Christmas cantata by the choir in the evening. Rev. A. B. Clarke preached in the morning on "The Light That Never Fails." A double quartet sang.

Services at Immanuel Baptist church included special music in the morning and evening, annual Sunday School Yuletide observances being held in the evening.

At the First Congregational church the pastor, Rev. Percy E. Thomas, preached two Christmas sermons morning and evening. Special choir music in the morning was enjoyed by the parishioners and in the evening the edifice was again filled by parishioners who enjoyed an elaborate Christmas tableau with incidental music.

Highland Congregational church-goers listened to special Christmas carol music in the morning, Mrs. McKeon and Wm. Etzel, violinists, assisting. A Sunday school concert took the place of the usual 5 o'clock vespers.

At the Eliot Union Congregational church, Rev. Wm. B. Tuthill, D.D., preached on "The Christmas Sign." The quartet offered a special program and there were Christmas exercises for the Sunday school members at noon time.

At Pawtucket Congregational church both the senior and junior choirs sang at the morning services. Sidney R. Fleet was in charge. In the evening there was a pageant with Sunday school members taking part in "Christmas Chimes."

At St. Anne's Episcopal church, Rev. Appleton Grannis told again "the Christmas story." A choir of 100 voices sang under the direction of William C. Heller.

Special music at all services was provided for St. John's Episcopal churchgoers in the morning. At the First Universalist church, Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., preached, and the choir offered numerous Christmas chorals. Grace Universalist churchgoers listened to a sermon by Rev. Isaac Smith in the morning. A pageant referring to the birth of Christ featured the evening services.

Central M.E. church members enjoyed a "Spirit of Christmas" sermon by Rev. Willard A. Kilmer in the morning. An evening pageant also drew a throng of members and guests, young people of the church appearing in important roles.

At St. Paul's M.E. church the regular choir had the assistance of the [illegible] Male quartet of Boston. Rev. Charles S. Otto preached on "The Prince With the Four Names."

Special Christmas music [illegible] of the morning services at All Souls. The service was attended by the church school in a body. Candle light services were held in the early evening.

Highland M.E. churchgoers enjoyed a Christmas concert in the evening under the direction of [illegible] Matthews and given by Sunday school pupils. At Worthen Street M.E. church Rev. Myron D. Fuller preached a Christmas sermon in the morning.

Elaborate Christmas music including a cantata featured the day's observances at First Presbyterian church. Miss Isabel M. Gregory directed the cantata. Rev. J. Field Steel, pastor, preached two sermons. At Matthews Memorial church, the pastor's topic was "Shepherds and Herald Angels Sing." The choir of the Lawrence Street P.M. church gave an interesting cantata, "Unto One of the Least," in the evening. At Central Baptist church, the choir sang selections from Handel's "Messiah" in the morning. Carols and recitations by members of the church Sunday school featured the evening Yuletide ceremonials.

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Dec.
12—Adele Villandry, 55, diabetes.
14—Joseph D. Beaurivage, 62, heart disease.
Nora O'Hara, 22, pythisis.
15—Joseph Aubry, 7 d., cyanosis.
16—Phoebe Therrien, 61, lob. pneumonia.
William P. Sheedy, 6, mit. insufficiency.
17—Michael Nastek, 8 d., prem. birth.
Mary M. Hadley, 55, cer. hemorrhage.
Yvette Turcotte, 6, tub. meningitis.
18—Nicholas K. Peters, 2 m., broncho-pneumonia.
Mary M. Flanagan, 6 m., inanition.
19—Nicholas Zoukas, 3 m., gastro-enteritis.
20—Thomas Stott, 75, arterio-sclerosis.
Michael Sullivan, 65, broncho-pneumonia.
Albert Lario, 56, epilepsy.
Armand Rivet, 10 fracture of skull.
21—Charles Larotte, 78, arterio-sclerosis.
Joseph G. Demers, 1 d., atelectasis.

STEPHEN FLYNN,
City Clerk.

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Christmas night will be the last appearance of "Mal" Hallett and his celebrated orchestra in Lowell for this aggregation has been engaged to play for a well known photograph company and upon expiration of its contract will play exclusively at Roseland Dancing Palace in New York city. On both Monday night and Tuesday night there will be farewell parties at Associate hall featuring a battle of music between Hallett's orchestra and Miner-Doyle's outfit. Christmas night will positively be the final appearance of Mal Hallett in Lowell, therefore it will be your last opportunity to hear this splendid orchestra. Associate hall offers the best music and best dancing surface in the city and one may spend a most enjoyable evening. Don't forget Christmas eve and Christmas night, a battle of music will be the attraction and farewell to

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RUBBER APRONS	29c to $1.39
SILK HOSIERY	$1.65 to $5.25
SPORT HOSIERY	$1.00 to $5.00
GLOVES	$2.25 to $3.75
RIBBON NOVELTIES	19c to $2.98
PERFUMES	50c to $11.00
TOILET WATERS	50c to $6.00
PYRALIN IVORY	25c to $8.00
HAND BAGS	$1.60 to $10.00
WEEK-END BAGS	$5.00 to $19.00
MANICURE ROLLS	$1.00 to $7.50
BEADED BAGS	$3.50 to $19.00
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THE CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

The municipal Christmas tree is now the vogue, the cynosure of all eyes, the objective of the masses who will attend the Auditorium exercises tonight. The tree is beautifully illuminated and around it on the lawn of the Memorial Auditorium will be held some of the main features of the municipal observance.

What a different spirit exists today from that of fifty years ago when the mills continued to work on Christmas day and the employes had no opportunity to attend religious services except before or after work. Even in this aspect of the present day observance, the people have reason to rejoice. The Christmas feast is now recognized throughout the land, and the factories declare a brief vacation in order to permit its general observance. Even the big railroad corporations that we were told "had no souls" are now sending out Christmas greetings to all their employes and are ready to provide for the comfort or relief of those who are in need of such attention. All this shows the growth of the Christian spirit where formerly it might have existed but was never made so manifest.

But it is in the religious aspect that Christmas as the anniversary of the Nativity has the most significance, in its commemoration of the one primal event in fulfilment of the prophecy of a Messiah, a Redeemer who came in the person of Christ, the Savior. Well may all Christians rejoice in celebrating the event that was signalized by the herald angels singing "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," the refrain of which has come down the ages and is now taken up and sung by the myriads of carolers all over the earth on every Christmas eve.

It is in this spirit that the Christmas is most appropriately celebrated by all who rejoice in man's redemption and the prospect of the steady progress of Christ's kingdom on earth until all mankind comes under His benign sway and elects to prohibit destructive wars and comply with the Christian injunction—love one another so that all can devoutly sing in unison at Christmas tide.

"Glory to God in the highest,
And peace on earth to men of good will."

It is in this spirit that The Sun extends the greetings of the season and wishes to all its readers a merry and happy Christmas.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

It would seem that oratory is fast becoming a lost art. For some years past there has been a very noticeable lack of interest in the art of public speaking in this city. Twenty-five years ago, we had several distinguished orators. It was then quite easy to select a professional man to deliver an oration upon almost any subject; but for some years past, such efforts seem to have become unpopular. Whether it is the absence of men accomplished in the art of oratory, or a change in public sentiment that has brought about a lack of appreciation of the oratorical art, is difficult to say. It is a fact, however, that we cannot point to as many accomplished public speakers in the community today as we had twenty or twenty-five years ago.

What has brought about this change? Is it any different method of instruction in our public schools, or is it the result of the moving pictures which have displaced the spoken drama and almost banished the dramatic art from the stage? This is a matter that might engage the serious attention of our educators.

It is gratifying to know that we seem to be on the eve of a new era in which interest in oratory, elocution and public debates is likely to be revived. The University Extension division of the State Department of Education is doing excellent work in the direction of creating interest in public speaking. Throughout the state, it is organizing classes for the practice of public speaking; and young men are thus offered a splendid opportunity of developing their talents in this direction. Through these classes hundreds of students have already acquired the ability to acquit themselves with credit in public addresses. They are enabled to overcome their natural timidity before audiences, so that instead of being embarrassed, they find enjoyment in being able to speak with ease in public. While such classes have had great professional value for salesmen, teachers, executives and all others called upon to address public gatherings, their greatest value consists in the training offered the students for the better performance of their civic duties.

No preparation for citizenship can be more practical than that which teaches men and women to get on their feet and talk easily and confidently, training them to observe the rules which govern parliamentary bodies, and through extensive practice and debate to argue logically and detect the fallacies in the arguments of others.

The decision of the Knights of Columbus and other organizations to establish debating societies is an outcome of the revival of interest in public speaking. The art of debating or disputation, is of great value in training young men to investigate public questions, to find the facts from different sources for and against a certain hypothesis, and thus to enable them to arrive at accurate conclusions. Oratory as an art is very useful, but in order to be most effective it must be used logically, judiciously and in accordance with the facts in any particular case as this alone will carry persuasion and influence an audience.

It is desirable, therefore, that all these movements for promoting the art of public speaking, public disputation and even the dramatic art, be encouraged. The Department of University Extension is soon to organize another class in public speaking here with an instructor well qualified to train students in this important art. It should be well patronized as it offers for every student a great opportunity for self advancement.

ACTION BY UNEMPLOYED

In Italy, leading financiers hold the general view that more than 1,500,000 British unemployed men and women are bringing pressure on the British government for a solution of the reparations problem between France and Germany, being convinced that unemployment at home has been chiefly caused by the French action in the Ruhr.

The French semi-official press has recently been taking a more conciliatory attitude, which is ascribed to the fact that, as a consequence of the democratic leanings of the new British parliament and the democratic tendency expected from French voters at the next elections in that country, the French government has become convinced that it would be better to seek an understanding soon with England than to risk a possible serious rupture with dire results, the consequence of which may be disastrous. Any such understandings, it is whispered, would be welcomed in Italy, where it is believed that an arrangement of that nature would distinctly improve even Italy's prospect for getting reparations.

BREAD AND PRICES

One large bread-manufacturing plant announces a reduction in price of small loaves to six cents per loaf. We hear every day of the improved application of science to bread manufacture. It is true that were it not for the improved appliances of machinery used in the production of bread on a large scale, the cost would be higher than it is today. On the other hand, no method has yet been discovered nor will it be discovered to produce any appreciable increased quantity of honest bread from a given amount of raw materials. But with the low price of wheat and the comparatively low price of flour a good many people wonder why the price of bread has not also come down.

GERMAN TOYS

Five years ago an American would have endangered his neck by suggesting that German toys would return to their former popularity in this country.

Yet the United States this year has bought more German toys, both in volume and in values than in any pre-war year.

Emotions cool quickly in America. Not so in Europe. If one were to believe all the reports of the stricken and demoralized conditions in Germany during the past year, it would seem that all industry was paralyzed and unable to function as formerly. The toy business of Germany tells a different story.

SEALSKINS

Learn something about furs, ladies. This year only 12,000 seals were killed for their furs in the rookeries of the Alaskan islands. Two thousand of these were sold, then the market went dead. Genuine sealskin is a drug on the market at the source.

The 2000 raw pelts were sold at $50 apiece. Farming is not the only industry where a great ocean lies between producer and consumer.

TELEPHONES

One farmhouse in eight has a telephone in our country. This does not mean much to a city man. But it does to an old-timer who can recall when a farmer was often completely out of touch with the outside world except when he hitched up and went to town once a week.

Our generation is ending isolation and conquering distance. This has its advantages. But there is apt to be less individual thinking when there's too much contact with other minds.

Remember the warnings issued by Chief Saunders of the fire department, relative to the danger of fires starting from the decorations of Christmas trees and the Santa Claus entertainments for children. This is a case in which a little vigilance may prevent loss, suffering and sorrow.

There is reason to believe that poisonous liquor will be offered for sale around the holiday. The victims in such cases are usually those who are ready to take dangerous chances in drinking anything that has the odor of alcohol.

If it is true that Mr. Bryan will present to the next democratic national convention the name of a southerner who is dry, he won't be a real southerner if you scan the antecedent books closely.

Possibly the 10½ sentence of Philip E. Fox, former publicity agent for the Klans will have a good effect in preventing murder as a result of Klan activities or animosities arising therefrom.

SEEN AND HEARD

Some Mexican women are so beautiful they don't use rouge.

Every Christmas makes some bootlegger a millionaire.

Our congress adjourned for the holidays. They do it every year. It makes people happy.

The new talking movies are a success. Won't be popular. They will drown out the audience.

"End of Speed Limit" is a sign on a road in Erie county, Penn., at the entrance to a graveyard.

With feathers flying in all directions, C. C. Smith of Wilton, N. H., killed and dressed a chicken in exactly eight seconds before a crowd gasping with wonder, at the annual exhibit of the Fitchburg Poultry Fanciers' association, thus demonstrating his right to the title of "champion chicken-picker" of the world.

A Thought

The oppression of any people for opinion's sake has rarely had any other effect than to fix those opinions deeper, and render them more important.—Hosea Ballou.

Didn't Open It

Two explorers coming to an ancient tomb debated about opening it. "I judge," declared one, "this must date back about 1000 years. We shall find head dresses, jewels and gowns of a forgotten dynasty. All of which will be very interesting." He raised his pickax, but the other stayed his hand. "Hold," quoth his comrade, "and reflect. What styles are we about to unloose upon mankind?" They didn't open it.

Much Engaged

The young vaudevillist who had become engaged to the pretty girl received information that led him to question her. "Is it true that since you came here you've been engaged to Billy, Arthur, George and Harry as well as me?" The girl assumed an air of great disdain and hauteur. "What is that to you?" she demanded. "Just this," he replied, gently. "If it's so, and you have no objection, we fellows will all chip in together to buy an engagement ring."

Factotum Amazed

The Baltimore convention of 1852 which nominated Franklin Pierce for the presidency, engaged in prolonged balloting, according to a story told by Senator George Moses. Gen. Pierce and his intimates were gathered in his law office in Concord, N. H., and the general told his factotum to go down to the telegraph office to ask who had been nominated at Baltimore. The messenger presently returned, much agitated, and stammered, "Why Gen. Pierce, strange as it may seem and ridiculous as it may appear, they tell me you have been nominated for president."

Her Favorite Stick

Bluebelle's parents both played golf assiduously and her dad was always asserting that the girl ought to cut out some of her frivolity and take up the more serious things of life, golf preferred. So after a great deal of effort, he got her out on the links one day. They came home in due time, Bluebelle blooming, dad looking disgruntled. Mother was much interested in learning about the game. "Did Bluebelle go all the way around?" she asked. "She did," grunted father. "And what sort did the dear girl employ the most?" "Her lipstick, as usual."

Christmas Rendezvous

The shops are gay on the promenade,
Greens in the windows, all scarlet-starred
On the frosty breeze, each crystal blow
Rivals in gleam the mistletoe.
The air is fraught with things that bless—
Lads and girls in their loveliness,
Home from college to mother and dad,
Dear little girl and lad.

Nonchalant as the young may be,
In rendezvous where all may see,
They cluster here, they cluster there,
Dispensing beauty, everywhere.

A vagrant glance of wide blue eyes;
The glad surprise
The answering glint, the ready laugh
Of the lad with the shaggy coat and scarf.

They fashion the street to a merriment,
And somehow, your heart gains a sweet content
You busy alone with the doubtful tide,
Soon in the spirit of Christmastide.

The things that bless
Lads and girls in their loveliness,
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BY MARY GARRIGAN BARRY

SCOUT LEADER

Miss Mae Conway, Girl Scout regional director, does not believe the modern girl spends her 24 hours daily in sleeping, eating and selfish pleasures. "Today," she says, "some of the finest pieces of social work is being accomplished by girls in their teens and early twenties." Miss Conway is touring the country in the interests of trained leadership in the Scout movement.

TOM SIMS SAYS

Well, King of Greece got fired. Kicked him out. And king jobs are hard to get these days.

No place business is as slack right now as the kinging business.

A king job is hard to get and harder to hold after you get it.

Being a king is like being a movie star's husband. There is no future in either job.

Kings fly high and so do aviators. When either falls down on the job it's the last of them.

Maybe the fired king of Greece could come here and start a shoe shine stand or a cafe.

A cat may look at a king. Alley cats get the chance these days.

The king slipped in Greece.

Russia wants to trade with the United States. We could swap razors for Santa Claus whiskers.

Russians are the people who dance sitting down and sing like a house burning up.

We don't know how Russians keep the wolf away from the door, unless they eat them.

What a pity winter doesn't come in summer and summer in winter.

Russian names sound more like laundry marks or radio stations.

Some clean Russians throw the soap away and use the soap boxes for making speeches.

Russian whiskers will hide their Christmas neckties.

The Mexicans are fighting again. They should call this their New Year revolution.

Mexicans have to read the paper daily to see who is president.

Mexicans wear mushroom hats and have mushroom governments.

A Mexican looks like a mushroom from an airplane, but some of them are very poisonous.

Mexicans eat hot tamales, chile and tortillas and would like to eat other Mexicans.

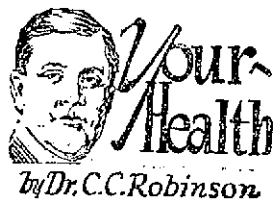
EXTENSIVE PROGRAM FOR NEW BUSINESS

Merrimack Manufacturing company's extensive program for new business, started several weeks ago when this corporation exhibited many of its 1924 lines at the Boston textile show, is reported today to be securing good results already.

Present output of goods is not confined to any one variety familiar in Merrimack price lists. There has been a steady demand in a fair-sized way for velveteens, plush and corduroys. While operations are not at all extensive at present, employment conditions are far better than they are in some other local mills.

It is said that Lawrence & Co., who handle most if not all of the Merrimack lines at present, "spread themselves" in displaying at the recent show new productions of the Lowell textile plant, including fast pile velveteens, plush, dress corduroys, men's wear corduroys, fustian cloths, khaki cloth and gray goods.

Good from the International Cotton mills, handled by Lawrence & Co. also, may go on sale in January. The Merrimack and Pacific mills exhibits that all attracted attention from the trade.



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CANCER

According to Dr. W. A. Conley of New York, cancer now kills more people yearly than any other one disease. You may be pleased to learn that a group of physicians, who met recently in New York, founded a society for the scientific study and treatment of cancer.

The project of educating the general public in the essentials regarding cancer should be an every day affair, when such serious inroads are being made by this disease among our people. How can this best be done is claiming the attention of this new society.

It is shown by some physicians and hospital reports that cancer claims really 10 per cent of the adult population. During the past 50 years, deaths from cancer have increased threefold. It is more prevalent among women than men.

The real cause of cancer, except in certain external cases when injury and infection have played important parts, is not really known. No regular diet or particular food seems to increase or diminish cancer cases. However, there is danger from long continued action or irritation of certain parts, as the lips or nose.

Every person will use due precaution and see to it that any form of irritation, pus formation or ulceration be treated by a competent physician at once, a gain may come out of it.

Cancer in its early stages is not painful. This is an additional warning to use every means to ward it off. Some combination of chemical ferments, bacteria, the direct result of food combustion, is believed to cause cancer in the majority of modern diseases.

SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise party was tendered Miss [illegible] Chief of Clayton street and Mrs. Catherine Fowler of Eustice avenue, at the home of the latter, last evening, by several friends of the two ladies. The guests received many miscellaneous gifts and a beautifully decorated basket with fruit and candles. Mrs. [illegible] was the recipient of a beautiful Christian jardiniere. Mrs. Frank [illegible] made the presentations in her choice of those present. During the evening a fine program comprising violin selections, piano renditions and vocal [illegible] was given. Refreshments were served and a merry time was enjoyed by all present.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

The fallibility of eye-witnesses was the subject of a hot discussion in the police station recently. One visitor advanced the theory that one of the rarest finds of the police in a criminal case is an eye-witness who sees straight and remembers what he sees, not a person who merely saw what happened immediately after the completion of the crime. Supt. Atkinson agreed with him, much to my surprise and told of clever lawyers who have caused witnesses to make contradictory statements on cross-examination, simply because they were witnesses of what happened after the crime instead of the real occurrence. It has also been proven that many who actually see a certain accident happen or a crime committed are poor witnesses because they are unable to realize in time what is happening.

It is too bad that the Centralville residents will not support the postal station in their own district sufficiently to permit its continuance in operation. Until the station was located there, the residents considered it a great hardship to carry their bundles for mailing to the Middle street or main postoffice building. Now that they have their postal station they pass it by and add to the confusion already existing in the crowded Middle street office by bringing even their Christmas packages there. If the government decides to close the station, as it has threatened to do, the Centralville residents will have allowed one of their greatest improvements to fall by the wayside.

Since the accident a week ago in which the city's ambulance was wrecked, there has been considerable discussion as to whether ambulance drivers should have the right of way over all other traffic. To settle the discussion Police Superintendent Thos. R. Atkinson was asked for an opinion and said that the ambulance has the right of way, has also the right to cut corners and furthermore may pass to the left of traffic signals if the driver so desires. The only obligation imposed upon the driver is that the warning gong be sounded at intersecting streets and wherever else necessary.

The carol singers of yesteryear who used to travel about the city on Christmas eve and entertain with their pleasant music the stay-at-homes will be heard tonight and in addition will be enjoyed by the radio, now a household article, and the phonograph. Tonight, in practically every broadcasting station throughout the land, Christmas programs are being given and these programs will be heard by the stay-at-homes with the same pleasure as were the carol singers in past years.

Shortly after reading the police superintendent's warning concerning pickpockets and snatch-thieves operating during the Christmas shopping rush, I had occasion to enter one of the down-town shops to do a little shopping. The first thing that attracted my attention on entering the store was a purse, hanging from a long strap held in the hand of a woman. The purse was open and exposed to the eyes and hands of all passersby was a large roll of bills and considerable silver.

SEE THE POINT?

The Sun has by far the largest circulation of any Lowell paper. Ninety per cent of Sun readers do not read any other Lowell newspaper. See the point, Mr. Advertiser?

BERTON BRALEY'S DAILY POEM

YE GOOD OLD SAINT NICK

We hear ye jingle of ye sleigh,
And gladly in our toil we pause
To welcome on thys Christmas Day
Ye fat and jolly Santa Claus;
He cometh down ye sootie flue
To humble cot or lordly hall
And singeth out hys loud halloo,
"A Merrie Christmas to You All."

Hys smile is broad, hys heart is warm,
He bringeth funne and right good cheer,
And be there calm or be there storm,
He cometh surely once a year.
And in our hearts he lights a glow,
Beneath hys magick spell we fall,
Till we, too, greet hot hhigh and low
Wyth "Merrie Christmas to You All."

Thys day he rules the world, hys laws
Are laws of love and peace and mirth;
Ah, would thatte gentle Santa Claus
Might ever govern on the earth!
Yette we are grateful thatte he brings
One Day of Joy for Great and Small,
One day when all ye planet rings
Wyth "Merrie Christmas to You All!"

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SUMMARY OF EARLY MORNING A. P. NEWS

French dirigible Dixmude late last night was hovering out of control over Foum Tataouine, 30 miles south of Medinin, Tunis, with 50 officers and men aboard, Paris advices state.

Cuernavaca, capital of the state of Morelos, Mexico, 40 miles from Mexico City, is captured by rebel troops under Gen. Figuerna, revolutionary headquarters states, while government forces claim capture of Puebla with 1000 prisoners.

Mrs. Margaret Weaver, arrested in Birmingham, last Saturday on an indictment charging her with being an accessory before the fact in the slaying of William S. Coburn, Ku Klux Klan attorney, decides not to fight extradition and goes to Atlanta where she is detained at headquarters.

New York clergymen in Sunday sermons conform to appeal in Bishop William T. Manning's diocesan letter for a "Christmas Truce" in the controversy between modern and conservative factions.

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes states in summary of enforcement activities that respect for the prohibition law is steadily growing throughout the country, as evidenced by lessening of indifference on the part of state and municipal authorities, banning of liquor by many leading clubs and hotels, breaking up of smuggling activities and strict enforcement by college authorities.

Cost of living increases 2.1 per cent between July 15 and Nov. 15, and dollar is now worth 60 cents, as compared with July, 1914 value, national industrial conference board states.

ST. GERTRUDE,S GUILD CHARITY SALE

Members of St. Gertrude's guild wish to thank all those who helped make their charity sale last Friday and Saturday, a success. The affair was conducted in the rooms of the Buick Automobile company in East Merrimack street, and to this company, the Prince-Cotter Co., and the Page Catering Co., the committee is especially grateful. The prize winners were as follows: Doll, Miss Catherine Murphy, 98 Chapel street; candles and vase, Mrs. William Kearn, 44 Osgood street; library scarf, Miss G. Mulvey, 61 Porter terrace; baby's white sweater and mittens, Miss Elizabeth Carmichael, 22 Rolfe street.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. PETER'S ORPHANAGE

The customary entertainment given the children of St. Peter's orphanage yearly at Christmas time, by a group of young people in the Highlands, was provided last Saturday night and proved a complete success, all the little guests having an uproariously good time. Elizabeth O'Dwyer and Agnes Cotter were in charge of the entertainment program, which was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Eileen Wholey; dance, Miss Agnes Cotter; song, Edward and Thomas Cotter; reading, Miss Isabel Wholey; piano solo, Miss Marion Hodnett; duet, the Misses Virginia and Flora Silver.

We wish you:
A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Lowell Belmont Shop

"XMAS TRUCE" IN CHURCH WAR

Bishop Manning's Request Generally Observed in Episcopal Churches

Indications That After Holidays it Will Rage With Renewed Vigor

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Indications were today that after the "Christmas truce" in the Protestant Episcopal church, the controversy between modernists and conservatives would rage with renewed vigor.

Bishop William T. Manning's request for the "truce" was generally observed yesterday but the controversy was referred to in printed copies of the sermon delivered by Dr. Leighton Parks at St. Bartholomew's a week ago last Sunday, and by Rev. Dr. William Norman Guthrie, pastor of St. Marks-in-the-Bouwerie in discussing the bible.

It has been the Sunday custom at St. Bartholomew's to distribute pamphlets of the preceding week's sermon. The pamphlets distributed yesterday were of an edited version of the "Lecture" in which Dr. Parks invited a trial for heresy.

The doctrine of the virgin birth, it said, was "clamped upon the church" during the middle ages on the basis of the doctrine of original sin. It was the conviction among those who did the "clamping," it added, that virginity was a higher state than marriage, and hence the story that Christ's mother was a virgin.

"The very foundations of our Protestantism will be shaken," the pamphlet declared, "if the bishops of the church attempt to answer questions of theology with ancient traditions. There was "no convincing evidence," it read, "that the bishops speak with the authority of scholarship."

Parishioners of St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie expect to hear next Sunday from Dr. Guthrie a declaration of his creed and an exposition of his position in his rift with Bishop William T. Manning over pagan dancing by parish girls in ancient Greek costumes at church festivals. He announced yesterday he would give it to them then. "No book," Dr. Guthrie said, "is the word of God. Jesus Christ is the only word of God. No book can be inspired."

The appeal for the "Christmas truce" was used by Rev. Charles Francis Potter, pastor of the West Side Unitarian church, as the basis of a renewed attack upon conservatism.

Rev. Dr. Potter, who won the first of his series of debates last Thursday against Rev. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, asserted this was not the time for a truce, but for proclaiming aloud the declarations of the modernists. "What is the use," he asked, "of crying 'Peace, peace, peace' when there is no peace?"

Multitudes are crying for the "truth" and to deny them now would be "treacherous," Rev. Mr. Potter said. "No wonder," he added, "the blind priests of the old order want the new prophets to keep quiet. But they might as well try to dam the Mississippi river with waste paper."

LONG DAY FOR THE TRAFFIC SQUAD

Members of the traffic squad will remain on duty until the stores close at 9 o'clock tonight instead of leaving their posts at 6 o'clock. Orders to this effect were given the men this morning by Supt. Atkinson, who also detailed extra officers to traffic duty in the down-town section to protect the Christmas shoppers and keep traffic moving in an orderly manner.

JACK DEMPSEY'S FATHER ARRESTED

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 24.—Hiram Dempsey, father of Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight boxing champion, is free on bond of $300 after arrest on a charge of violating the prohibition laws. He was arrested in a local cafe Saturday night by a policeman who confiscated a flask from which Dempsey is said to have been pouring liquor for high balls.

SITUATION IN GREECE

Republicans Suggest Coalition Government if Venizelos Refuses to Return

ATHENS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—In the event that former Premier Venizelos returns a negative reply to the request of the council of ministers that he return to Greece, the republicans suggest that a coalition government be formed, to be composed of the four leading parties—the republicans, the liberals, the republican-liberals and the refugee group headed by Dr. Doxiades, minister of public relief.

George Rousos, former Greek minister at Washington and now chief of the Republican-Liberals, is one of the several political leaders favoring the coalition. However, many of the leading liberals oppose such a step, preferring to allow the republicans to have their fling at the difficult task of governing Greece. The feeling at present is that the republicans are sure to be quickly discredited and that the people will be obliged to call the liberals to power.

The week-end was devoted to conferences at which the political party chieftains endeavor to determine their future line of action.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR BOYS' CLUB MEMBERS

Lowell Boys' club members—300 or more—will receive their full share of genuine Christmas good cheer of every well known brand, at a record-breaking celebration slated to be held at the club headquarters on Dutton street, tonight. Major Walter B. Jeyes will be Santa Claus pro tem with the accent on everything that means real Yuletide spirit and generosity.

Bags of Christmas gifts will be distributed to the boys by active members of the Lowell Rotary club, who are backing the celebration on Dutton street as of yore. But that isn't all the Rotarians are doing.

Many needy families are this year being taken care of with substantial gifts of both food and clothing. Rotarians are not saving much about this extra benevolence, preferring to perform their charity quietly. It is a fact, nevertheless, that many families in Lowell are to be provided for tomorrow with needed supplies, and some of the Rotorian gifts will consist of fuel as well.

The members gathered at the clubrooms this noon, scores of them, for dinner and then a period of real toil. It was the busiest afternoon the Boys' club has seen in a long time. The job of packing the Christmas bags with good things for the big distribution this evening was the largest yet performed. Each bag contained ribbon candy, chocolates, nuts, apples and oranges. To needy boys there will be distributed 510 all wool mufflers, besides stockings, shoes, caps, underwear and overcoats.

Rotary club has already sent the usual checks to Battles Home for Aged Men, French-American orphanage, Ayer Home, St. Peter's orphanage, Day Nursery, O'Leary Home for Children, Salvation Army and Faith Home.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVED AT THE AUDITORIUM

Lowell's municipal Christmas observance will be held at the Memorial Auditorium tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. The entire program will be given indoors and it is expected that the seating accommodations of the hall will be taxed by the thousands who will wish to have a part in this public service.

The first program number will be a motion picture of a Christmas story having its setting in New York city. After greetings by Mayor John J. Donovan, the musical portion of the program will follow, with several of the church choirs taking part. An international flavor will be evident with the appearance of the choirs of the Polish National and Greek Orthodox churches. Community singing of familiar carols by the audience will be led by Albert Edmund Brown. Wilfred Kershaw will be at the organ.

In every respect this is a public observance, there being no tickets of admission or reserved seats.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES AT ALL SOULS CHURCH

Impressive candlelight services, beautifully presented with highly appropriate ceremonials, featured the Christmas Sunday observance program at All Souls' church yesterday. The services began at 6 p. m. and were largely attended by young aid old.

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Parish religious workers arranged the program for the purpose of impressing upon the young people of the church the true meaning of Christmas. The Young People's association of the church led in preparations for the evening service.

Mrs Helen C. Taylor, organist, played the processional that led from the parish house to the church doors. Each marcher carried a candle, large candles also burned on the chancel. As the young people marched in, they placed their candles in special holders on the communion table and about the chancel and then took seats in the chancel pews.

Rev. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr., pastor of the church, gave the young people an instructive talk on Christmas trunks.

OLD COLONY R. R. WANTS TO ISSUE BONDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Old Colony Railroad Co., a subsidiary of the New Haven system, sought permission from the Interstate Commerce commission today to issue $3,500,000 in bonds; $2,000,000 to be used to meet maturing indebtedness and the remainder to be paid to the New Haven for advances it has made.

The Delaware & Hudson railroad asked the commission for permission to abandon a 13-mile branch line in New York, extending from Canada junction to a connection with the Grand Trunk railroad on the Canadian border.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

Elcie Pilcer, sister of the far-famed Harry Pilcer, international dancer, and Dudley Douglas, an equally noted dancer, will head the big Christmas week bill at the B. F. Keith theatre, this week, beginning today. Two performances will be held tomorrow, beginning at the usual hours. Shaw and Lee make another pair, a nutty combination, which ought to sprinkle about a lot of good cheer, and "The Wrecker," a comedy based on the in-law of the family, will surely cause laughter. Other acts which will appear on the bill are: Montana, the cowboy lynch in "The Spirit of Youth" and banjoist; Keller Sisters and Frank Teschow's cats. The picture for the week will be "The Kingdom Within."

RIALTO THEATRE

How would you like to get a real live husband for a Christmas present, after he had been pronounced "Legally Dead" by the doctor? This is exactly what happens in the Milton Sills picture, which opens at the Rialto theatre today and where it will be shown Christmas day and Wednesday.

"Legally Dead" occupies itself a great deal with the question of capital punishment. Its hero is a newspaper man who commits a minor crime and goes to prison in order to study criminals. He is caught in a web of circumstantial evidence after he is pardoned and is again thrown into the hands of the law on a murder charge. He is hanged! It is certainly unusual to have a hero of a photoplay treated this way, but then "Legally Dead" comes to the screen with the reputation of being a most unusual picture.

Of course, he is dead according to law, but a doctor, known the world over for his scientific work asks the prison authorities for the body and with the aid of adrenalin brings the corpse back to life! It is then that the story really starts. To begin with, his "widow" has already accepted the attentions of another suitor and this unusual situation complicates matters in a most embarrassing way for everybody concerned. Milton Sills, one of the screen's most popular leading men, plays the role of the dead-and-reborn man. Claire Adams, Herbert Fortier, Edwin Sturgis, Charles A. Stevenson and others of note handle the principal characterizations. Several of the most noted chemical and medical experts in the United States acted as technical advisers with William Parke, the director. The experts supervised the details of the scenes showing life being restored by the use adrenalin.

"Success" is the title of the added feature and it is the kind of a picture that everybody likes to see—that of life behind the stage and of the theatre. The chief character is a Shakespearian actor who loses both his reputation and family by his dissipation and extreme love for liquor. He is ostracized by his fellow players and sinks to the lowest depths. As an old man he secures work as a dresser for a young man who is hailed as one of the greatest living actors, who is appearing in a revival of "King Lear," the part in which the old actor excelled and was noted for. When the time came for the opening the actor suddenly took ill, and the old man takes the actors' place and gives the greatest performance of his life. The leading woman is his daughter but she does not learn this until after the performance. The cast in this fine picture includes Naomi Childers, Brandon Tynan and Mary Astor.

Other pictures on the bill include a good comedy and a Pathe News.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

George M. Cohan's "Mary," regarded as one of the cleverest musical shows ever written from the pen of that famous humorist and satirist, opens tonight for a week's stay at the Lowell Opera House. "Mary" is to play a special matinee on Christmas Day at 3 o'clock and will also play a Friday matinee. The seat sale during the past week was the largest advance sale in the time that Al Luttringer has had control of the Opera House.

The Luttringer players are all back in Lowell refreshed from a week's vacation and this afternoon went through a dress rehearsal of the play. The great Cohanic masterpiece is being reproduced faithfully in its New York setting and all scenes including the Love Nest scene, are given in their entirety. A number of specialty song and dance skits are brought into the play, John Rowe and Kathleen Keating both having some sweet numbers. A special chorus has been added to the show.

The engagement of "Mary" is limited for one week. The play is regarded by theatre-men everywhere as the premier stock release of the season and Mr. Luttringer, who booked it early in the year, saved it for a Christmas week offering. "A 'Mary' Christmas week for Lowell" is the slogan back stage in the dressing rooms and all of the players are confident that "Mary" will trip to triumph at her first performance. Seats may be reserved by phoning 861.

MERRIMACK SQUARE

THE new William Fox offering, "St. Elmo," starring John Gilbert, now showing at the Merrimack Square theatre, has a history that in romance and thrills even rivals the story of the impassioned novel Augusta J. Evans, author of "St. Elmo" and many other popular novels, published this book in 1866. In the screen version William Fox offers a striking picturization of the dynamic, the impassioned St. Elmo. John Gilbert in the title role gives a performance that will make new friends for him. Barbara La Marr as the girl who nearly ruins his life—the luxurious, soft-spoken, feminine Janus—has a role that gives her ample opportunity to demonstrate her histrionic powers.

The other feature of the current program is "Yesterday's Wife," a notable drama of present-day life, with an all-star cast.

THE STRAND

"The Greatest Show on Earth," is the way Jackie Coogan's latest and biggest picture is advertised. "Circus Days" is its title, and it is being shown at the Strand for the first part of the week. Jackie is surely seen at his best in this offering. A supporting cast of unusual excellence is assisting the star. Hoot Gibson in "Bucky" is the second feature on the bill and this, too, is an extraordinary creation of the screen. Gibson provides numerous thrills, some good comedy and a pleasing romance. The usual comedy and weekly, as well as the musical numbers, help make the bill most commendable. Come early and avoid the crush.

CHELMSFORD HOLDS XMAS CELEBRATION

Unfavorable weather conditions failed to dampen the ardor of Chelmsford men, women and children who had planned last evening to gather around the community Christmas tree on the town common and duly celebrate Yuletide with gladsome ceremonials that included carol-singing and music by the Chelmsford brass band. The program was conducted in the town hall, starting at 8.30 o'clock.

The following village improvement committee had charge of the event: Charles H. Clough, president; Charles Nichols, vice-president, Mrs. C. A. Dane, secretary; J. E. Warren, treasurer; Mrs. C. V. Hazeltine, Mrs. Ralph P. Adams, Mrs. Garfield A. Davis, Royal P. Dutton, Walter H. McMahon, executive committee; H. W. Sturtevant, H. L. Cole, Mrs. H. E. Ellis, H. L. Parkhurst, Mrs. Charles H. Clough, Mrs. Ralph P. Adams and Charles H. Clough had charge of the community tree and lighting arrangements.

PLEADED GUILTY AND PAID $100

Federal Agents Sullivan and Hall, and Officers Cooney, Moore, Liston and Leahey of the local liquor squad, raided a lodging house in Thorndike street last Saturday night, confiscated about 500 pints of alleged Christmas liquor and arrested Timothy Kane, the supposed owner of the property.

The latter was arraigned in district court today on a charge of illegal keeping and paid a fine of $100 on a plea of guilty to this offense. The seized goods consisted of red and white liquor, which was sold, according to officers, at $2 and $1 per pint, respectively.

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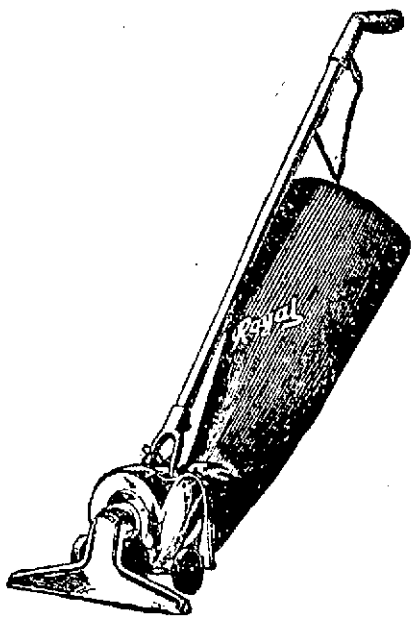

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Broad Smile Altrock's Best Asset

BY BILLY EVANS

Does it pay to be funny?

Or is it the best policy to take everything seriously?

They say left handers never are serious. Eddie Plank, famous pitcher of the Philadelphia Athletics, was a decided exception to that theory.

Baseball was a business with Plank. Winning ball games was almost a mathematical science with him. When he stepped on the rubber to start a ball game it was a mighty serious proposition.

Nick Altrock was the decided opposite of Plank. No matter how tense the situation, regardless of how thrilling the battle, Nick was always able to see a little humor in some phase of the setting, always able to smile.

Plank Was Thrifty

Eddie Plank was thrifty. That was a natural result of his viewpoint of the game. It was a business with Plank, a precarious business which might be cut short at any time. A slight injury to the arm and over night a pitcher drops from a big league star to minor league material. Plank intended to be fortified when the inevitable happened.

Eddie Plank quit baseball with a nice bank account to his credit. In social circles he would be considered well to do. He invested his savings in the automobile game and has a thriving business in his home town.

Easy come, easy go, was the motto Altrock followed during his days as a big league star. Money meant nothing in particular to Nick, other than the power it possessed to provide fun and amusement. When Altrock retired, the old left arm finally losing its cunning, Nick's bank roll was very light.

Well do I remember a comparison a well known writer once drew of the prosperous Plank and the down-and-out Altrock. The moral of the story was that it was far better to take everything seriously rather than lean to the humorous side of life.

Perhaps the sermon preached by said writer is by far the best policy to follow, but the irrepressible Altrock has shot to pieces the theory that his light-heartedness, his lack of seriousness proved his downfall.

Turns Theory Around

Altrock, the baseball comedian, is today drawing a bigger salary for clowning than he ever did as a star pitcher. His salary as jester to his majesty, the baseball fan, is far greater than any the star pitchers of his day received.

Altrock has become an integral part of major league baseball. No world series would be complete without him and his partner, Al Schact, former big league pitcher. As a member of the Washington club he vies with the great Walter Johnson as a drawing card.

Now Altrock has broadened his field by taking up basketball. Nick doesn't play the strenuous game, but simply put over the pantomime of the ball field on the basketball floor. Nick being original has added some new stunts that have a basketball flavor.

Altrock has proved that a man can be a success without ever having a serious moment. With Nick, life is just one laugh after another, a round of pleasure.

URBAN SHOCKER IN BIG DEMAND

According to report, only Chicago and Detroit have failed to make some sort of a proposition to the Browns. However, it's a cinch that neither Cobb nor Chance would object to taking over the St. Louis star.

Shocker has never been successful against the Detroit club. The Tygers have always taken all kinds of liberties with his delivery. Perhaps that is one reason why Manager Cobb hasn't come to the front with an offer for Shocker.

Shocker is a great pitcher, perhaps the brainiest twirler in the American league. There is thought back of every ball he pitches. That is why he is so hard to beat. Incidentally he is a glutton for work and shines as a relief pitcher.

If he is traded by St. Louis the club that gets him will have added much strength to its pitching staff.

LONGEST RUN BACK

Chet Bowman, brilliant Syracuse star, caught the opening kickoff in the William and Mary game on his own goal line and hiked the full length of the gridiron, 100 yards, for a touchdown, aided by his own dazzling speed and fine interference. This was the longest run back of a kickoff the year developed.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The basketball schedule for the junior high schools is as follows:

Jan. 4—Edson vs. Moody; Varnum vs. Butler.

Jan. 7—Morey vs. Bartlett; Moody vs. Butler.

Jan. 11—Morey vs. Edson; Varnum vs. Bartlett.

Jan. 14—Butler vs. Morey; Moody vs. Varnum.

Jan. 18—Edson vs. Bartlett; Morey vs. Moody.

Jan. 21—Varnum vs. Morey, Edson vs. Butler.

Jan. 25—Moody vs. Bartlett; Edson vs. Varnum.

Jan. 28—Butler vs. Bartlett, Edson vs. Moody.

Feb. 1—Butler vs. Varnum, Morey vs. Bartlett.

Feb. 4—Edson vs. Morey; Moody vs. Butler.

Feb. 8—Varnum vs. Bartlett, Butler vs. Morey.

Feb. 11—Varnum vs. Moody; Edson vs. Bartlett.

Feb. 15—Morey vs. Moody; Edson vs. Butler.

Feb. 18—Moody vs. Bartlett, Varnum vs. Morey.

Feb. 21—Butler vs. Bartlett; Varnum vs. Butler.

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RING REFEREE TODAY IS OFFICE BOY

BY JOE WILLIAMS

The new order of things in the boxing game by which a group of owl-eyed gents sit in grim, solemn judgment on the relative merits of two competing battlers, has eliminated one of the most picturesque institutions connected with the ancient sport—namely the famous referees.

Under the present system in vogue important boxing centers, fight winners are determined by a majority vote participated in by two judges and a third man in the ring.

It was difficult in the old days—if fifteen or twenty years back may be said to represent an ancient period. In those times the referee was almost as important and distinguished as the celebrated punchers themselves, and the business of selecting the official decision-maker involved much ceremony and deliberation.

Some of the notable referees of the past whose names come to mind at the moment were George Siler, Tim Hurst, Charley White, Honest John Kelly, Sam Austin, Dick Roche, and Jere Dunn.

Who are the famous referees of today?

Well, let's see—

So be it.

Haley One of the Best

Or in other words there are none—at least none who ranks as high as Siler, White and Hurst. Patsy Haley of New York is probably the best referee in the country today, but even Haley is not widely known. Harry Ertle of Jersey City seemed to be on his way to distinction as a referee until he made a spectacle of himself in a Georgia ring, giving three decisions in the McTigue-Stribling fight.

The manner in which sundry and divers commissions conduct championship fights has had considerable to do with the passing of the referee as a distinguished institution. In an exaggerated effort to purify the game the identity of the referee is kept secret until fight time. That is done to checkmate the vicious activities of bad, bad gamblers. One of the results of this system is that the modern referee seldom breaks into print.

From the standpoint of public interest the Dempsey-Firpo fight of last summer was one of the biggest international matches in the history of boxing. Had it been held in the old days the matter of the referee would have been a paramount consideration, and, until settled definitely, would have commanded as much publicity as the fighters themselves.

Unknown Handles Bout

Apparently it was little more than a detail with the New York commissioners. The assignment was given to Johnny Gallagher, an official with a limited local reputation. When it was announced at the ringside that Gallagher would referee, visiting scribes, years in the service of fight reporting, registered astonishment and demanded to know "Who in the heck Gallagher was?"

Gallagher proved to be an ordinary referee. He gave Firpo a long count in the first round which deprived Dempsey of a one-round knockout, and [illegible] he evened up by permitting the champion repeatedly to violate the rules of the ring. Gallagher was not deserving of censure; he did fairly well considering it was his first big fight.

This question might be pertinently asked: Why appoint an unknown to work the biggest fight of the year?

No, there are no great referees any more, and there aren't going to be any as long as the system of judges persists and boxing commissions continue to pose as super-moralists.

The Nut Cracker

by Joe Williams

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Man who set new record eating 53 hot-dogs found his honors empty but his stomach full.

New hot dog champion is willing to defend his title against all comers but insists that future contests be conducted under strict A. A. U. supervision.

Pessimists make best contenders for hot-dog championships because they are always growling about something.

Title aspirants will find they get better results by stroking the hot-dogs affectionately and calling them by first names.

What the world needs is a good two-handed spaghetti eating champion who doesn't care what happens to his nice new brown vest.

A hot-dog that barks and wags its tail at the same time is hard to understand and harder to digest.

To win a spaghetti eating test one must develop a contortionist's appetite and a set of acrobatic tonsils.

YALE STAR GOES BLIND

Perry Hale, one of the greatest fullbacks ever turned out at Yale, has gone blind.

The name of Perry Hale will bring back to the followers of football the memory of Gordon Brown's great team of 1900. That Yale team beat Princeton 29-5 and the following week beat Harvard 28-0.

After graduating from Yale, Hale spent three years as coach at Ohio State university and Phillips Exeter academy.

Hale then took up his profession as a mining engineer. He was meeting with similar success to that which crowned his efforts on the gridiron.

While [illegible] over one of his big jobs, a premature explosion resulted in an accident that caused permanent blindness. Every effort to restore his lost sight has failed.

Hale, after years spent in the depths of despair, has finally become resigned to his fate and is once again the smiling Perry Hale of other days.

He lives at Portland, Conn. Recently he took a dive in politics and was elected tax collector of that town.

HIGHLAND QUINTET WINS FIRST MATCH

SPORTS R HIGHLAND QUINTET

The Highland [illegible] opened its winter basketball schedule at the Y.M.C.A. Saturday [illegible] trouncing the Turn Verein team of Manchester, N. H. to the tune of [illegible]. The game was so easy for the [illegible] team that Coach Sawyer was able to give all his subs a chance to show their wares. The lineups:

HIGHLAND		MANCHESTER
Patton, Barton [illegible]		
	rf	Lein, Wenzel
Bello, [illegible]		lf, Berger
Douglas [illegible]		
	c	Herbert Stock
Buchan, [illegible]		Dietrich
Ratchin, [illegible]		Harry Lein

Baskets from floor: Patton, 2, Bello, 5; Douglas, 2, Mason 1, Buchan, 1; Ratchin, 2; [illegible], Stock, 2, Herbert Lein, 1; Harry Lein, 1. Baskets on fouls: Patton 3, Johnson, 1, Buchan, 1. Score: "Y" Highlands 47; Manchester Turners, 17. [illegible]. Two 20 minute periods. Referee, [illegible]. Timekeeper, Sutherland.

URBAN SHOCKER IN BIG DEMAND

Five clubs in the American league are said to be anxious to make a trade for Pitcher Urban Shocker of the St. Louis Browns.

TWO SINCLAIR HORSES TO COMPETE IN BIG RACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Two horses may carry the colors of an American owner, Harry F. Sinclair in the running for the Ascot Gold cup, in England, next June.

Zev, the champion three-year-old and Grey Lag, a great five-year-old have been entered by Mr. Sinclair in keeping the promise he made after the Zev-Papyrus race to reciprocate the sportsmanship of Ben Irish, then owner of Papyrus, by having Zev meet his rival at the latter's home next season.

Whether Mr. Sinclair will send both horses seemed problematical today as since first considering sending Zev abroad, he has arranged for a series of sweepstake races for Zev with Epinard, the French champion, owned by Pierre Wertheimer. Epinard, however, will run in the Ascot cup race also and hence Zev and he would have equal disadvantage of crossing the Atlantic in their August races in this country. Papyrus also is expected to run in the Ascot.

Only once have American colors been carried to victory in the Ascot, Foxhall, owned by Foxhall and J. R. Keene, winning the classic in 1882. The race is at two and one-half miles, which fits Grey Lag, which is five years old, better than Zev. Grey Lag was taken out of training last June with sore feet, but Trainer Sam Hildreth evidently has him back in shape and plans to have him fit for a great effort next June. In the Ascot the horses carry weight for age.

ABBOTS WIN OVERTIME GAME FROM FALCOS

In a game that required two extra periods of play a goal by Cummings gave victory to the soccer team of Abbot Worsted of Forge Village over the Falcos at Tolyoke Saturday afternoon. The play marked the fourth round of the U. S. challenge cup soccer competition.

The only point of the game was scored with but four minutes of the second overtime period to be played. The lineups:

ABBOTT WORSTED		FALCOS
Oliphant, g		g, W. Gray
Cosgrove, rb		rb, Logan
McDade, lb		lb, Rankin
Crocket, rhb		rhb, Burnett
Kelly, chb		chb, A. Gray
McDermott, lhb		lhb, Izatt
Farquher, or		or, McIntyre
Kane, ir		ir, James Brown
Dunbas, cf		cf, John Brown
Cummings, il		il, Vreghoy
Neil, ol		ol, Lorento

Score—Abbot Worsted 1. Goal: Cummings. Referee—Lambies. Time: 45m. halves and two 15m. overtime periods.

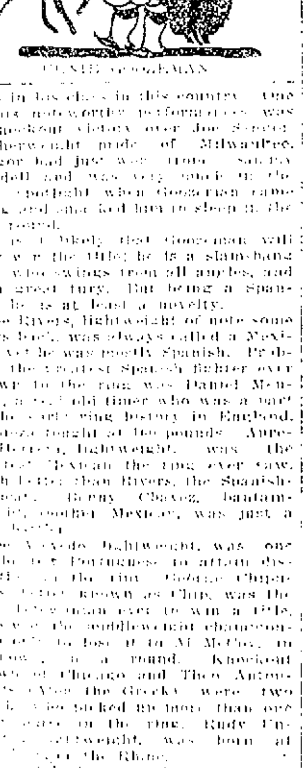
SPANIARD IN THE RING

BY JOE WILLIAMS

The prize fighting urge is cosmopolitan. No one nationality has a monopoly on the ambition to swing a mighty left, or duck a vicious right. Pancho Villa, for instance, came from the Philippines to win the flyweight title. Jack Dempsey is Irish, Benny Leonard Jewish, Harry Greb, German, and Firpo is a South American.

You find few Americans, and fewer Spaniards in the fighting game. A Spaniard who is making impressive gestures in the ring today is Ernie Goozeman, a 122-pounder, who fights under the colors of Larry Lichtenstein of Chicago. Goozeman, christened Miquel de Ghuzmann, was born of Spanish parents who immigrated to California from the romantic city of Seville some years ago.

Goozeman has twice won the bantamweight championship of Australia, and has beaten many of the tough



ERNIE GOOZEMAN

[illegible] ones in his class in this country. One of his noteworthy performances was a knockout victory over Joe Sencer, featherweight pride of Milwaukee. Sencer had just won [illegible] Mandell and was very much in the [illegible] spotlight when Goozeman came along and knocked him to sleep in the [illegible] round.

It is unlikely that Goozeman will ever win the title; he is a slam-bang gent who swings from all angles, and with great fury. But being a Spaniard he is at least a novelty.

Joe Rivers, lightweight of note some years back, was always called a Mexican yet he was mostly Spanish. Probably the greatest Spanish fighter ever known to the ring was Daniel Mendoza, a [illegible] old timer who was a part of the early ring history in England. Mendoza fought at 160 pounds. Aurelio Herrera, lightweight, was the greatest Mexican the ring ever saw. Much better than Rivers, the Spanish-Mexican. Benny Chavez, bantamweight, another Mexican, was just a fair [illegible].

Joe Azevedo, lightweight, was one of the [illegible] Portuguese to attain distinction in the ring. Cedric Chipe [illegible] known as Chip, was the only [illegible] man ever to win a title. Chip won the middleweight championship [illegible] to lose it to Al McCoy in [illegible] a round. Knockout Brown of Chicago and Theo Antonopoulos [illegible] the Greeks were two Greeks who picked up more than one [illegible] in the ring. Rudy Unholz, [illegible] lightweight, was born at [illegible] the Rhine.

[illegible] you knew him as Kid W[illegible], came from Copenhagen, [illegible] to win the bantamweight title. [illegible] Griffo and Bob Fitzsimmons [illegible] of the immortals, were [illegible]. Joe Walcott, probably the greatest 145-pounder that ever lived, [illegible] from Barbadoes, West [illegible].

[illegible] French and English fighters [illegible] but Spaniards [illegible] in the ring have [illegible].

It will be interesting to see how far [illegible] Goozeman goes, or comes, as the direction may be.

REAL FIGHTING CARD FOR ELKS' SHOW

A real fighting card has been arranged for the Elks' show to be staged under the auspices of the Moody club in Crescent rink on next Thursday night. Five bouts are on the program, four scheduled for eight rounds and one listed for six stanzas.

Annually President Dodge of the Moody club sets aside one night near the Christmas holiday as Elks' night, when he arranges and presents an evening's boxing entertainment for the benefit of the charity fund maintained by the local lodge. It usually draws a packed house, with members, friends of the members, lovers of the sport and supporters of the charitable characteristics of the order, turning out to swell the fund.

But aside from the worthy object of the affair the bouts themselves ought to prove a great magnet. No champions are listed, but real action producers are there in every number.

Tommy Fall and Frankie Hebert, local flyweight rivals, are to meet in the final eight round event. This pair of midgets promise to uncover a lot of fireworks. Considerable rivalry exists between them and both are training hard for the battle.

Another bout that is creating much interest is that between Frankie Cryan, the Lawrence kayo artist and Nick Madoona, the Lexington minute man. Both are terrific hitters and the first to get the haymaker over will win.

There will be three other good bouts.

HEBERT'S MANAGER REPLIES TO DUFFY

Punch Mayo, manager of Frankie Hebert, in reply to the statement of James Duffy, recently published, submits the following:

Sporting Editor, Lowell Sun, Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir: I was very much amused by a letter which I read in your columns a few days ago, signed by the father of Johnny Duffy, so-called flyweight, and alleged to be the city's best. Of course, anyone who read that letter and who knows anything about local boxing conditions would not take it any more seriously than myself.

Mr. Duffy's comical letter is not any more comical than Johnny Duffy's record. One who does not know the difference between boxers might think from that letter of Mr. Duffy's that his boy was in the same class with Frankie Hebert. But the boxing public knows differently.

Johnny Duffy looked very good when he was waltzing with Benny O'Neill. In fact, the two of them came near being thrown out of the ring in their last match. Again let us take the Babe Adams-Johnny Duffy fight. Adams broke his hand in the second round or there is little doubt that Duffy would not have gone the distance, and do you remember what Frankie Hebert did to Adams?

Anyone who saw the two fights cannot compare Duffy with Hebert with any degree of judgment. However, if Duffy has got himself fooled bad enough to think that he can beat Hebert we can probably arrange something.

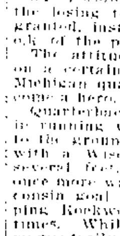
Duffy claims to be a flyweight, but Frankie will only require him to make 115 pounds, ringside. Of course, I would not ask a promoter to put on such a one-sided match but if Duffy's father and his letter-writing sabinet have got themselves kidded enough to think that Duffy can beat Hebert there are several gymnasiums in Lowell where this match can come off and, incidentally, Duffy will be able to make a tidy little sum for himself any time he defeats Hebert.

Thanking you for your space and hoping that this letter will stop any more ridiculous talk, I remain,

Very truly yours,

PUNCH MAYO,
Manager of Frankie Hebert.

Billy Evans Says



"Take nothing for granted in baseball." The late Harry Pulliam during his term as president of the National league originated that very apt adage.

It was inspired by a number of unusual as well as unexpected happenings. It has since become a pet phrase of baseball.

Judging from a number of unusual gridiron incidents in the season just closed, the thought coined by Mr. Pulliam holds equally well for football.

Had not the Wisconsin players decided to do a little officiating on their own hook, Illinois would probably have won the Big Ten title instead of ending the season in a tie with Michigan. The touchdown that gave Michigan its victory over Wisconsin was made possible because the players of the losing team took something for granted, instead of waiting for the o.k. of the presiding officials.

The attitude assumed by Wisconsin on a certain play gave a substitute Michigan quarterback a chance to become a hero.

Quarterback Rockwell of Michigan, in running with the ball was thrown to the ground as the result of contact with a Wisconsin player. He rolled several feet, regained his feet, and once more was on his way to the Wisconsin goal line. The stunt of dropping Rockwell was repeated several times. While Wisconsin was able to momentarily block his progress, none of the players succeeded in downing him. Seeing Rockwell fall to the ground several times, the secondary defense of the Wisconsin team relaxed, and he managed to cross the Wisconsin goal line. His score was allowed despite the strenuous protests of Wisconsin that he had been downed, the ball becoming dead.

Wisconsin players should have permitted the officials to do the thinking. It was a serious blunder for them to presume the player had been downed. It cost the game.

This brings to mind a story told me by Coach Zuppke of Illinois. In speaking to Green, the crack center of this year's team I noticed that he addressed Green as "referee." It struck me as a curious title and I asked an explanation. It seems in a game with Ohio State Green, about to tackle a State player near the sidelines, decided the player had stepped out of bounds and failed to make the tackle. The player continued his run 60 yards further toward the Illinois goal line before being brought down. When Green gave his explanation to Zuppke, the Illinois coach asked him since when he had taken up the job of referee. From that day to this Green has been known as "Ref." Needless to say that he never again failed to make a tackle, regardless of his thoughts as to the status of the player carrying the ball.

LIKES GRIDIRON SPORT

Eddie Collins, star second-sacker of the Chicago White Sox, who lives in the east, doesn't miss a big football game after the close of the baseball season. Collins, who is a graduate of Columbia, and played quarterback on the varsity, admits that as a collegian he much preferred the gridiron sport to the diamond.

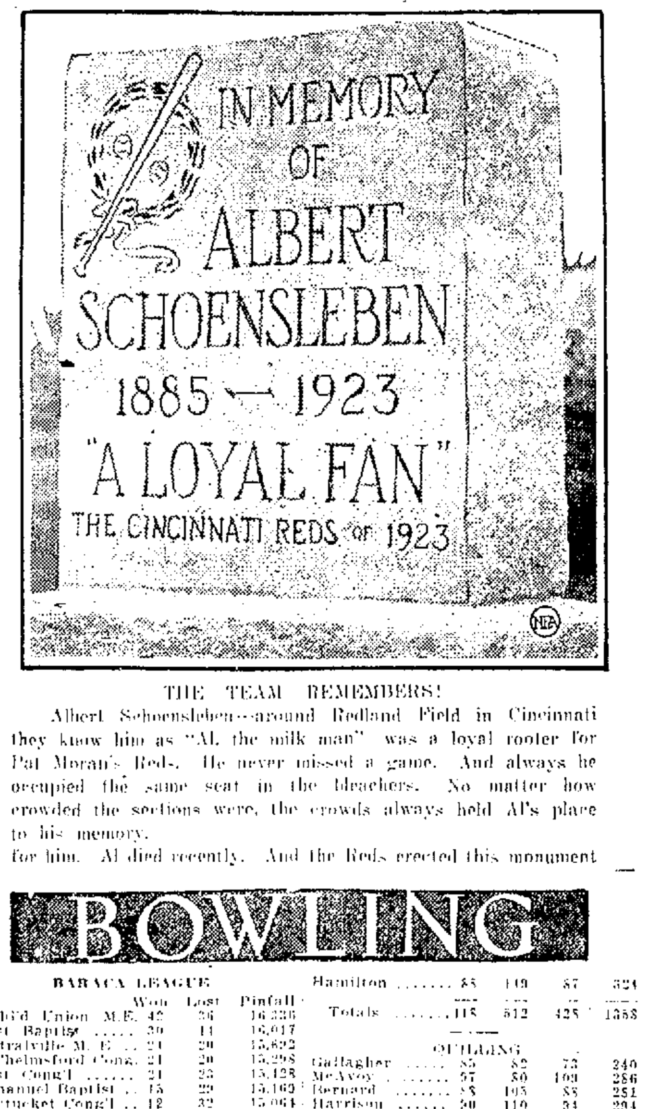
COLLEGIAN MAKES GOOD USE OF BIG HANDS

CHARLES BICKING

Back 16 years ago the New York club of the American League had a southpaw pitcher by the name of Harry Abels who could grab a ball in his left hand and completely envelop same. Abels was a pitching curiosity. Large hands are supposed to be a decided asset to a baseball pitcher since it enables him to get a much better grip on the ball. A majority of the star pitchers in the majors have big hands. It failed to work in Abel's case, however, as his stay in the majors was of short duration. He had plenty of stuff, but lacked control.

For years "Horse" Haggerty, star center of the New York Celtics, has been one of the curiosities of the basketball sport because of the way he can manipulate a basketball. A big pair of hands makes it possible for him to do all kinds of peculiar stunts with the ball to the embarrassment of the opposition.

Now comes a rival for Haggerty in the person of a college athlete, Charles Bicking, a lanky freshman at Wittenberg. In the picture Bicking is shown holding a basket ball at arms length. If you think it is easy, borrow a basket ball and try it.



THE TEAM REMEMBERS!

Albert Schoensleben—around Redland Field in Cincinnati they know him as "Al, the milk man" was a loyal rooter for Pat Moran's Reds. He never missed a game. And always he occupied the same seat in the bleachers. No matter how crowded the sections were, the crowds always held Al's place for him. Al died recently. And the Reds erected this monument to his memory.

BOWLING

BARACA LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Highl'd Union M.E.	42	26	16,336
First Baptist	30	14	16,017
Centralville M. E.	24	20	15,692
N. Chelmsford Cong.	24	20	15,298
First Cong'l	21	23	15,128
Immanuel Baptist	15	29	15,169
Pawtucket Cong'l	12	32	15,064
Swedish M. E.	9	35	14,337

No games tonight.

GAMES MONDAY, DEC. 31.

Centralville vs. First Baptist.

Highland Union vs. Swedish M.E.

North Chelmsford vs. Pawtucket Congregational.

Immanuel Baptist vs. First Congregational.

Individual averages.

Entwistle 106, Flanders 102.11, Brown 102.10, Schonbom 101.3, Estes 100.25, Robinson 100.21, White 100.19, Perrin 99.20, Smith 99.21, Paulton 98.5, Trevors 98.1, Vance 98.2, E. Lamke 97.27, Lyness 97.11, A. Lemke 97.2, Belyea 96.18, Turner 96.16, Slack 96.9, Barr 95.24, Brock 95.11, MacIntyre 95.1, Huston 95, Mcqueen 94.23, Joss, Harrison 94.23, Sanborne 94.12, Booth 93.19, MacDonald 93.18, Thurston 93.17, Maguire 93.14, Laurin 93.10, Bridgeford 92.24, L. Armstrong 92.15, A. Knox 92.1, W. Richards 91.22, Horndahl 91.22, Caster 91.22, Willis 91.1, O. Anderson 90.27, Ritchie 90.7, Mathews 90.2, Thomas 89.17, Wilson 89.14, Silcox 89.9, Kenyon 89.3, Bengston 89.2, Titterington 88.28, Wilkins 88.8, Jos. Harrison 88.5, C. Armstrong 87.15, Chapman 87.14, C. Richards 86.2, A. Schonbom 85.18.

MASS. COTTON MILLS LEAGUE

TEAM STANDING

	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Yard	34	14	16,647
Shop	34	14	16,374
Cloth	26	22	16,304
Spinning	21	23	14,372
Dress	20	28	16,163
Card	18	26	14,654
Dye House	18	30	16,078
Weave	17	31	16,187

Individual averages:

MASS. COTTON MILLS BOWLING LEAGUE AVERAGES

Lebourdais 97.19, Silva 96.27, J. Higgs 96.10, Gurney 95.16, S. Williams 95.11, Nadeau 95.10, Hannaford 94.35, E. Perry 94.15, Hurst 93.30, Bennett 93.15, Eldridge 93.19, Callahan 93.3, Lyons 92.32, Harding 92.21, Heald, 92.6, McWilliams 92, Cudworth 91.27, Beaupre 91.21, Michaud 91.19, Rostron 91.12, Piers 91.12, McKearney 90.21, St. John 90.20, Allen 90.16, Brown 90.12, Boyle 90.9, Brennan 90.8, Slipp 90.8, Sloan 90.8, Zinnay 90.8, Bettencourt 89.21, Andreoli 89.9, Robarge 89, Brady 88.15, McAleer 88.11, Martin 88.1, Gardner 88, Foster 87.1, Desmarais 86.25, Duffy 85.21, Swanson 84.7, Booth 81.22, McHiggs 83.21, Shields 83.18, Makara 83.8, Letterall 83.2.

MOHAIR PLUSH LEAGUE

WOOL

Ferguson	93	119	85	297
Terry	88	91	86	265
Kilbridge	104	94	83	281
Southam	89	93	80	262
Lynch	117	98	103	318
Totals	491	495	437	1423

WEAVE NO. 2

Bailey	77	102	82	261
Whitehead	82	86	95	263
Clough	90	85	78	253
Rhodes	81	90	86	257

Hamilton	85	119	87	324
Totals	418	512	425	1358

QUILLING

Gallagher	85	82	73	240
McAvoy	97	80	109	286
Bernard	88	105	88	251
Harrison	90	110	94	294
H. Silcox	92	92	94	278
Totals	452	469	458	1379

FINISHERS

Tully	82	86	55	253
Foster	81	80	93	254
Gillis	82	98	96	276
Frier	62	80	97	249
Marsh	104	80	96	280
Totals	411	424	467	1302

SPINNING

Orrell	88	84	82	254
Collins	96	87	97	260
Breton	96	80	102	278
Mitchell	85	85	99	269
Silcox	111	101	95	307
Totals	466	437	465	1368

WEAVE NO. 1

Chapman	97	91	92	250
Dawson	93	95	86	264
O'Brien	104	92	89	285
Stone	91	83	85	259
Hill	92	91	97	280
Totals	477	442	449	1368

LAWRENCE MFG. LEAGUE

SHIRT FOLD NO. 2

Sub	86	78	80	244
Rondeau	89	76	77	233
Bolduc	75	80	83	238
Nichols	99	73	80	252
Vance	77	85	89	251
Totals	417	392	409	1218

SHIRT FOLD

Clay	94	80	105	279
Gagnon	87	78	81	246
Laissier	86	86	96	268
Vezina	89	96	80	265
Nault	112	91	86	289
Totals	468	431	448	1347

SHIRT FINISHING

Holt	89	90	97	276
Lemmer	84	81	78	240
Hadley	76	71	80	227
Taylor	110	86	98	294
Totals	356	328	353	1036

SHOP
(Forfeited)

DYE HOUSE

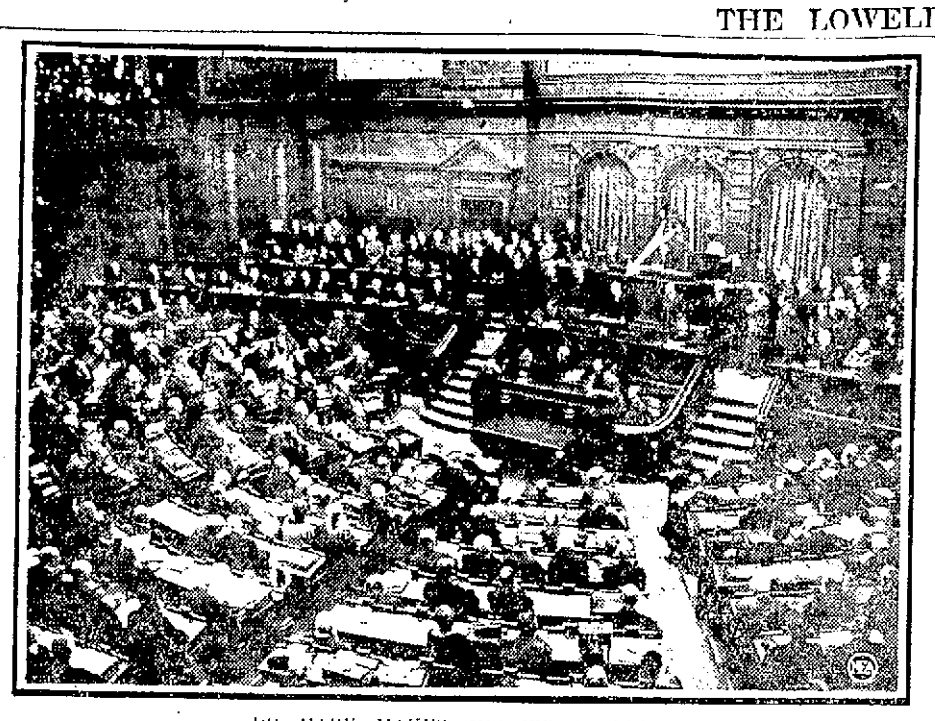
Dow	90	94	95	279
Sherburne	90	93	77	260
Spriggs	78	87	77	243
Benoit	90	91	110	291
Totals	348	365	359	1072

INDEPENDENTS

Carpentier	89	87	87	263
Maille	81	87	83	251
Hobbs	82	108	87	277
Estabrook	93	92	102	287
Totals	345	371	359	1078

RUGBY STARS PRACTICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Fifty-five former Rugby stars turned out at Ewing field here yesterday for practice preparatory to the selection of a Northern California rugby association team to compete in the Olympic games at Paris in 1924. In 1920, the local team won the Olympic games title.



DR MARX MAKES HIS FIRST ADDRESS

A remarkably clear view of the inside of the Reichstag, Berlin, showing the new German chancellor, Dr. Wilhelm Marx, making his first address before the body of lawmakers. Arrow indicates Marx. Note the peculiar construction of the chamber.

TRAGEDY SHOCKS TOWN

Wife's Christmas Card Infuriated Man to Take Six Lives, Including His Own

WHITEFIELD, Me., Dec. 24.—John Snow, the slayer, will be buried in "the most remote corner of the farm." Only town officials will be at his funeral. This afternoon the villagers will assemble in and about the little house at Cooper's Mills for the triple funeral services of the man's wife, his wife's grandmother and aunt.

Probably Tuesday afternoon there will be a double funeral service at the home of Deputy Sheriff Frank C. Jewett for his wife and 15-year-old son who died under the ruthless fire of the madman who took six lives, including his own, Saturday.

18 Bullets in Bodies

Snow went to his wife's home in response to her christmas greetings and invitation. Her well wishes for the yuletide were found in the slayer's pocket. She had told him she wanted him to come up to see her and to see their baby. He went, but with blood on his hands and then drew more, firing and repeatedly reloading his revolver. The medical examiner found 18 bullets in the bodies of the maniac's victims. A single shot ended his own life.

The baby, now universally called "Baby Snow," because the villagers do not know her name, has been taken into the family of a neighbor and will probably be brought up in the village, after court proceedings are set up to change her name and identity that the horror of her orphanage may be erased from all minds.

The folks of Whitefield openly declared yesterday that if John Snow had failed to take his own life they would have delivered him up to vengeance. They are typical God-fearing, law-abiding Maine folks, but they believe they would be justified.

Yesterday there was a strained feeling in the entire county of Lincoln. There has been no wanton destruction of human life in so many years that officials cannot recall an instance. From miles around came inquiries.

Out on the road leading beyond Cooper's mills the little home of Mrs. Brann, the aged grandmother who took Ida Hisler Snow and John Snow's baby into her home when the husband-father deserted them to ramble through the lumber camps, throngs gathered. For hours they were forbidden to approach to the house, as officials were completing their investigations. Later when the requirements were met and the scene was turned over to friends and relatives, preparations for the triple funeral were undertaken by neighbors.

YIELDS TO DEMANDS OF CREW

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Chinese crew of the British steamship Esther Dollar, lying in port, today threatened to leave the ship if the captain did not agree to take back to China for burial the body of a sailor who died at sea Dec. 18. The captain yielded.

SNOW AT BUFFALO, N. Y.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Four inches of snow fell here today.

Xmas Sweet Cider, Boyle Bros.

Snow Gives Real Tone To Christmas Spirit

Continued

would think only of the slush that must of necessity follow snow looked upon the brighter side of things this morning. Memories of other Christmases as well as the joyous anticipation of the morrow sent a welcome tingle through the veins and somehow the spirit of the holiday seemed to be more than ever in the air.

Early in the wee hours of the morning the mysterious, all-powerful wand of Dame Nature was flourished and the worrisome rain was in a trice transformed into welcome snow. The young folks, who just couldn't get to sleep last night what with thoughts of Santa, his sleigh and reindeer, the size of the chimney, and the chances of being able to filch one of mother's stocking to hang up instead of their own, were drowsy indeed when awakened for their breakfast this morning.

"Gee, maw, there's no school and I ain't gotta get up," was the plaintive wail from many a young throat this morning that changed to a joyous cry from a fully awake and enthusiastic youngster as the words, "It's snowing" were heard.

There was magic in the snow this morning. Magic that reached to the heart of the old as well as the young, and did more than any one thing to make Christmas seem near and natural as of old.

To the hardened old cynics there came a softening of the stern lines that mark grim visages. To the young folks there came a light of genuine joy and unalloyed pleasure that brought a new sparkle to the eye and an even rosier color to the cheek. Simultaneously with the snow there entered the air the spirit of Christmas.

That spirit was in evidence everywhere today. Even in the downtown streets, where great masses of last-day gift-buyers surged and squirmed there was a jolly manner and dash of delightful near-familiarity among all. Umbrellas here, there, and everywhere, impeded the foot traffic and threatened many an eye or hat but could not ruffle a single disposition.

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The newsboys, barometer extraordinary of the generosity of the man in the street, had a prosperous if weary day. "Keep the change" was heard more cheerily and more often than even today and everywhere the smile that won't come off was readily flashed.

The snow seemed to "pep up" the tired sales forces of the many stores more than could just the day of rest yesterday and somehow the festive spirit of the day of days seemed to have imbued all.

"Tomorrow's Christmas" was the joyous password everywhere. The trains and taxis did a rushing business and on all sides could be seen the practice of that meaningful phrase indutiably connected with the morrow, "Peace on earth; good will to men."

WM. F. KEHOE, LABOR LEADER, DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William F. Kehoe, one of the most widely known labor leaders in New York and former secretary of the central trades and labor council of New York, died at his Brooklyn home last night after an illness of several months. Ill health caused him to resign the secretaryship recently. He was 35 years old.

ALL CHRISTENDOM TO CELEBRATE TOMORROW

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Christmas this year is unique in that for the first time in 350 years, almost all of Christendom in theory, will celebrate the day on Dec. 25.

This means that 125,000,000 people connected with the Eastern Orthodox National churches of which the Greek and Russian are chief, will join in the occasion with the others of the Christian world.

Until this year, members of these churches have followed the Julian calendar, which causes a gap of fourteen days between Christmas as observed in eastern and western churches. Now the Gregorian calendar of western churches has been adopted.

REPORT AVALANCHES IN SWITZERLAND

PARIS, Dec. 24 Avalanches were reported today from many points in Switzerland and in French territory bordering on Switzerland and in the Pyrenees. Three snowslides occurring within a few hours of each other did considerable damage around the hotel At Leysin, Switzerland. Several of the open air clinics for lung patients, were damaged and some of the Sisters of Mercy were injured. Several chalets were carried off.

An avalanche near Chambery buried a man whose body has not been recovered. The garage of the military hospital was damaged by the slide.

NEW $60,000 FOG SIGNALING STATION

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press) A $60,000 fog signaling station, erected on the north end of Admiralty Island, 20 miles south of here, has been completed by the government lighthouse service and will start operating Christmas day, according to an announcement issued by the lighthouse service officials.

The new station is considered the best equipped on the Alaskan coast.

A lighthouse valued at $175,000 is being constructed at Cape Spencer, 100 miles southwest of here.

SCORE OF R. R. WORKMEN HURT

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 24—A score of men were hurt today when a work train in which they were riding was side-swiped by a ditch-digging engine in the West Sharon yards of the Big Four railroad yards at Sharonville, today.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The officers in charge of the army and navy recruiting districts in New England have sent out formal greetings to the personnel in the offices under their direction. Chief Watertender Frederick and Sergeant Kimball, local recruiters, found themselves remembered in this morning's mail.

North Goes South in winter months to escape the cold weather Amongst those at Asheville, N. C., is Miss C. L. Kratter of Youngstown, O., who isn't worrying about the snows above the Mason and Dixon line.

COOLIDGE TO RESUBMIT NOMINATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Resubmission by President Coolidge of the nominations of Frederick L. Thompson of Mobile, Ala., and Bert E. Haney, of Portland, Ore., as members of the shipping board, was indicated today after Senators McNary and Stanfield of Oregon had conferred with the president.

The nominations which were forwarded to the senate at the opening of the session and were approved by the senate commerce committee, were withdrawn by the president last week after the committee had voted to report adversely on the nomination of Edward D. Farley of Chicago, now chairman of the board.

The president was described as withholding final decision but Senators McNary and Stanfield said they were satisfied that an appeal in behalf of Mr. Haney would be granted. Mr. Coolidge is understood to have told Senator Underwood of Alabama on Saturday that in any event the nomination of Mr Thompson would be resubmitted.

Should the president's final decision involve the renomination of Commissioners Haney and Thompson he then would have to select a chairman from the interior states or from the present membership of the board. In the latter case those most frequently mentioned are E. C. Plummer, of Bath, Me., and T. V. O'Connor of Buffalo, N. Y.

REPORT OF BIRTHS

Dec.

9—To Mr. and Mrs. Irene Bergeron, 163 School st., a son.

11—To Mr. and Mrs. William Duff, 212 Concord st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Brand, 124 Ford st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ovelihas Breton, 316 Aiken st., a daughter.

12—To Mr. and Mrs. John Winaski, 150 Fort Hill ave., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Vigeant, 236 Moody st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alan McLean, Quigley ave., Chelmsford, Mass., a daughter.

13—To Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, 17 Gilbride terrace, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. McCarthy, 116 Boynton st, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Antonio G. Muse, 10 East Richardson st., a daughter.

14—To Mr. and Mrs. Shmavon Manoogian, 8 Tyler st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Garboski, 632 Market st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, 543 Moody st., a son.

15—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. McCabe, 10 Butterfield st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Kelley, 24 Middlesex Park, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fox, 55 A st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mapoulos, 71 Dummer st, a son

To Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Lozeau, 179 Salem st., a son.

16—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warzocha, 168 Fayette st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, 45 Washington st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Godbout, 524 Merrimack st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Vigeant, 759 Merrimack st., a son.

17—To Mr. and Mrs. Nazarie Prudhome, 10 Lilley ave., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frederic A. Whitney, 53 Florence ave., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Richardson, 256 E. Merrimack st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Wheeler, 145 Beacon st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Ireland, 83 Crosby st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Dzobek, 151 Lakeview ave., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Larkin, 72 West Fourth st., a son.

18—To Mr. and Mrs. Costas J. Tsaisos, 115 Lewis st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kitchen, 37 Fourth st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Richards, 158 New York st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Costa, 5 Cedar court, twin sons.

20 To Mr and Mrs. Philippe Lavallee, 84 Aiken avenue, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jos. C. Sheppard, 31 Waterford st., a daughter.

URGES LEGION AID DRIVE FOR C. M. T. C.

Lowell members of the American Legion have been called upon to help enroll Massachusetts' quota of young men for attendance at the citizens' military training camp at Camp Devens, in the summer of 1924. Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, state commander, has sent word to all commands in his jurisdiction that it is up to the comrades to secure the needed summer camp enrollments.

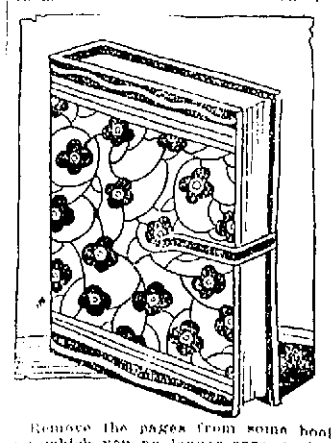
Lowell's acceptance of the call has been prompt. Action covering the commander's request will be taken promptly by the local legion organization, it was said today.

FLOWER BEDS IN FULL BUDS

GREENFIELD, Dec. 24.—A large bouquet of pink budded arbutus was picked by John Babbits of Petty Plain road near his home this morning. Many other beds of the flower were found nearby in full bud and will probably blossom in a day or two, unless cold weather sets in.

NICE FILE BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT

Nearly any woman would take more interest in the household accounts, bills and receipts that accumulate if she had an attractive place to keep them. Here is such a convenience.



Remove the pages from some book you which you no longer care, or buy a cheap one with board covers and discard the contents. Then cover the outside and inside with cretonne, silk or any attractive material, bind the edge and put a pocket on each side cover to hold small memoranda. Add two ribbon ties and the gift is complete.

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TODAY, CHRISTMAS DAY AND WEDNESDAY

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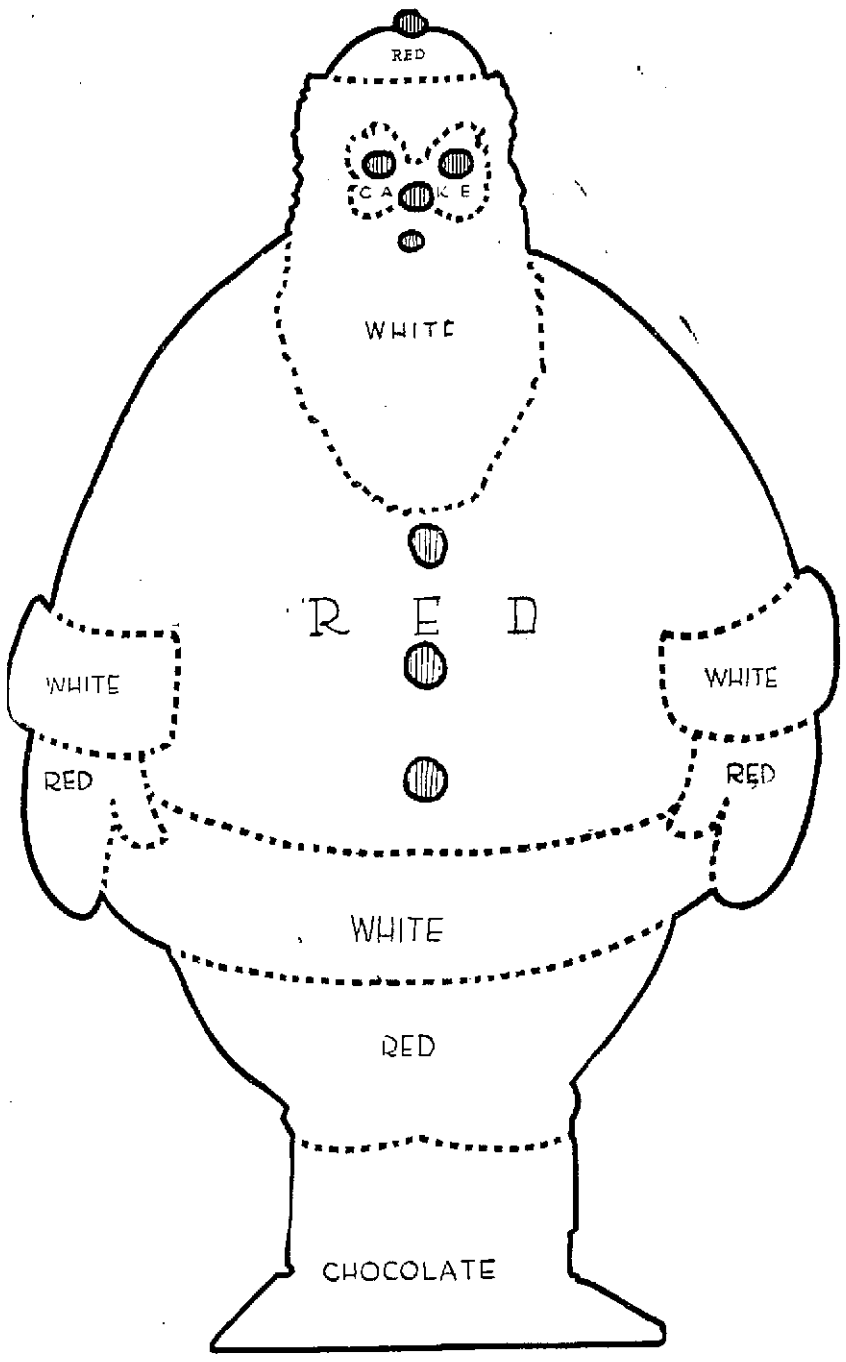

(By Sister Mary)

A novel Christmas delicacy, as well as a unique table decoration, is the Jack Horner pie I have devised for the main dinner.

Santa Claus of course must be the chief attraction, and so he is in this case. He's the Jack Horner pie!

To help you make a really artistic santa, this cut-out diagram is printed. After cutting it out, use it as a pattern for a cardboard base for cake and frosting.

A tiny tree may be set beside him, while on the other side is his pack, containing fancy cookies in the shape of reindeer and Christmas jokes done up in tin foil and attached to ribbons running to each seat. Jokes may also hang from the tree.

Two sheets of cake are baked in dripping pans and cut out with a sharp knife according to the pattern.

The Cake

Three cups sugar, 1-2 cup softened butter, 4 eggs, 2 cups milk, 4 cups flour, 4 teaspoons baking powder, 1-4 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Beat eggs until very light. Beat in sugar and softened butter. Add part of the flour and salt sifted together and one cup milk. Dissolve baking powder in remaining cup of milk and add. Add remaining flour and vanilla and beat vigorously for two minutes. Turn into two buttered and floured dripping pans and bake 30 minutes in a moderate oven.

Cut out with a sharp knife and attach to the cardboard with frosting. Then frost all over with the different colors to indicate Santa's boots, cap coat and trousers.

Use melted chocolate for the boots and fondant icing colored red for his coat and trousers. The plain white icing makes the fur trimming around his coat and sleeves, cap, top of boots and beard.

The face is untrosted with the eyes of currants, the nose of a split cranberry and the mouth covered with the white beard. A bright red cherry or cranberry tops his fur cap.

Currant buttons add the finishing touch to his coat.

Spread the cardboard support with a liberal coating of the frosting reserved for this purpose or boil one-half cup sugar and two tablespoons water until a pale straw color and spread over cardboard. While warm, put cakes on the board.

Then beat the white of one egg slightly and add one tablespoon powdered sugar. Cover Santa, except boots and face, with this mixture, applying with a brush. Let stand over night. The fondant should be made and allowed to stand over night also.

Fondant

Two cups sugar, ⅛ teaspoon cream of tartar, ½ cup water.

Mix sugar and cream of tartar; add water. Stir until well mixed. Put over slow fire and bring to boiling point. Watch carefully that sugar does not burn on bottom of pan before it is dissolved. As crystals form on sides of pan wipe them off with a clot dipped in cold water.

Have pan of water close to pan of sirup. Cover fingers with cloth and dip into cold water. Swab few crystals, dip into cold water. Continue this until sides are clear.

Cover and let boil rapidly two minutes. Remove cover and boil slowly, wiping down crystals as they form. Boil until a few drops tried in a saucer of cold water form soft ball when picked up with fingers. Ball must be firm enough to hold, but soft and pliable.

Remove instantly from fire and place pan in larger one of cold water. Let stand until cool. Beat with wooden spoon until creamery. When too stiff to beat turn onto a large platter and knead until soft.

Put in oiled bowl and let stand covered in cold place at least three hours.

When wanted to use soften over hot water to spread easily. Color three-fourths of the mixture with red vegetable coloring and flavor with oil of wintergreen. Flavor the white fondant with vanilla.

The jolliness of St. Nicholas depends on the cook. She can make his face as she will. If you would have the proverbial fat tummy and your cake rises evenly, use a few pieces of cake from the trimmings when the figure was cut to pad a bit before the frosting is put on.

The white of egg covering given to the cake is to insure the frosting sticking well.

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JACKIE BEGINS TO DOUBT SANTA'S EXISTENCE

By N.E.A. Service

TOY LAND, North Pole, Dec. 24.—Belief in a personal Santa Claus is slipping from the world's most famous boy.

From Jackie Coogan who, in so much as the Old Fellow shows partiality, has been a great favorite of the gift-bearing masquerader.

With Jackie about the Christmas tree this year stands that myriad of other boys and girls—along about the age of 8 to 10—that annually faces disillusionment of earth's sweetest fable; profoundly or mildly shocked little folk who have penetrated the disguise of frosted whiskers and the padded tummy that shakes like a bowl full of jelly.

For the parents of these, at least for those parents who still are able to comprehend the perplexities of tiny, virgin souls, it is a tender problem to substitute Santa Claus, the symbol, for Santa the person.

Hard For Parents

The problem, indeed, includes retention of the childrens' faith in father and mother, to greater or less degree, for is it not they who have reiterated Christmas after Christmas that there was a Santa Claus?

And here he is—nothing but an empty old suit, nothing but an old wig, nothing but an old fake! Or, if he is something else, what is he? And if father and mother have "lied" about Santa Claus, what else will they "lie about? Father and mother, who always make such a fuss about kids being truthful!

Sensitive parents understand that sensitive children mull these speculations as they gaze upon a tree suddenly turned to tree branches and tinsel by the dark magic of a thoughtless world or juvenile skepticism.

Sensitive parents will know that many a child, pretending a joy in presents suddenly shorn of the Santa Claus glamor, remains silent under this disillusionment only because of pride shamed at having been "duped."

Coogans' Way

Sensitive parents usually know how to meet the situation.

For those not so ingenious, there may be a hint in the way Jackie Coogan's elders have attempted to deal with the problem of lifting their 9-year-old from the personal Santa Claus to the symbolic—the accompanying letter, smothered with foreign looking stamps and postmarked "en route," was received by Jackie a few days before Christmas.

In due time, when precarious young faith shall have become stronger, the Coogans plan to tell Jackie how and why the letter was sent.

Read the letter—and Merry Christmas:

It has been brought to my attention by one of my many operatives working in and around Los Angeles (though I do not believe it), that you have been persuaded against me—that you no longer believe in me; that, indeed, you have even made fun of me.

Wise men, my dear Jackie, no matter how wise they be nor how old they grow, never make fun of Santa Claus. Long after many men lose faith in most things, they hold to faith in Santa Claus.

I refuse for the present to erase the name of Jackie Coogan from my list. Only when you tell me that you no longer believe in me will I consent to efface that dear name—and how can you tell me that you don't believe in me? If you say even so much as that to me, I'll know that you do believe, for nobody would be so silly as to say something to somebody that isn't.

Santa Claus is the being that stands for loving-kindness, for giving, for faith and for love such as your mother and your father bear for you. Surely you believe in that!

I shall know, dear Jackie, whether you do believe in me, and I shall govern myself accordingly. It will be a saddened Christmas if you shut your heart against my love and your chimney against my visit. Please believe in

Yours truly,
(Signed) SANTA CLAUS.

KILLED ON WAY HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

GREENFIELD, Dec. 24.—Mrs. O. W. Tyler of Wilkesbarre, Pa., was killed, her 18 months old infant son probably fatally injured and her husband, O. W. Tyler, a traveling salesman for the Philadelphia branch of the Seiberling Rubber Co., of Akron, Ohio, was seriously injured this morning at 9.40, when a sedan in which they were traveling northward was hit by a south bound express train on Hale's crossing, near Bernardston. The sedan was a total wreck.

The Tyler family were on their way to Brattleboro, to spend Christmas with Mr. Tyler's mother, Mrs. Addie Tyler of 3 Walnut street, Brattleboro. Hale's crossing is one at which it is difficult to see trains approaching from the north and it is probable that Mr. Tyler did not observe the express until it was fairly upon him.

The body of Mrs. Tyler was brought here on the train which hit the car, together with the wounded, which were taken to the Franklin county hospital. Mr. Tyler was unconscious at noon, but he is expected to recover.

SECRETARY WEEKS SENDS GREETINGS TO ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Weeks sent Christmas and New Year's greetings to the army today, saying that the holiday season brought increased appreciation of the "blessings of peace and the unmolested enjoyment of self government which are dependent upon the nation's defensive power."

"Each year that I pass in the war department," the secretary said, "makes me realize more and more how much you are entitled to the thanks of your country."

Major General John L. Hines, deputy chief of staff, in his Christmas message to the army, pointed out that the efforts of the year had resulted in a closer union of our military elements through the ties of excellent achievements in a common cause."

GIRL ANARCHIST FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

PARIS, Dec. 24. (By the Associated Press)—Germaine Berthon, girl anarchist, was acquitted by a jury today on a charge of killing Marius Plateau, a reporter for the Royalist newspaper L'Action Francaise, last January.

NEW COURT BUILDING

When the opportune time arrives Rep. Victor E. Jewett probably will act for the county commissioners on any bill they care to endorse relative to the construction of a new district court building in Lowell. Also, he has one or two suggestions he intends to discuss with the commission, but said today that nothing has been decided as yet.

"The only reason I say I probably will act in the legislature for the county commissioners," said Rep. Jewett, "is because I have done so in the past in relation to legislation in which they were interested. Therefore, the same will hold true in the present case if the commission desires to submit a bill."

STRUCK AND KILLED BY RAILWAY BUS

MEDFORD, Dec. 24.—His sight obscured by the season's first snow flurry, William Charles Eaton of Charlestown, a night watchman, stepped in the path of a Boston Elevated company motor bus, early this morning and was struck by the vehicle. He died of a fractured skull in a hospital, and Percival H. Duncan of Medford, the driver of the bus, was arraigned in the Malden court on a charge of manslaughter. He was held in $1000 bail for a hearing January 21.

1000 Rebels Captured

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contributed handsomely to the downfall of the fortresses."

Rebels Report Advance

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 24. (By the Associated Press.)—Rebel forces made their nearest approach to Mexico City so far, with the capture yesterday of Cuernavaca, 10 miles south of the capital, it was stated in a revolutionary communique issued here. The advance, it was said, was made under the command of General Figueroa.

The forces advanced from their position in the state of Guerrero into Morelos, of which Cuernavaca is the capital. No heavy fighting was reported.

Puebla has not been evacuated, according to the rebel statement, which adds that the insurgents are engaged in heavy fighting with federal forces in the suburbs.

An official government bulletin issued from Mexico City stated that Puebla was captured Saturday and that 1000 prisoners were taken by the federal forces in the engagement.

60 P. C. of Force Lost

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24. (By the Associated Press) General Fortunato Maycotte lost more than 60 per cent of his effectives as a result of the capture of Puebla by the federals, according to General Miguel Acosta, first under secretary of war, thus characterizing Maycotte as a serious factor in the revolutionary situation.

General Acosta declared latest estimates showed that 1000 rebels were made prisoners, 1000 dispersed and 500 casualties.

Among Maycotte's losses was General Fernando Reyes, who was killed. He was a former Villista.

DIED SUDDENLY

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Edward B. Bacon, noted as one of the best known cash grain merchants of the west, died suddenly last night. A native of Chicago, member of the board of trade for many years and since 1879 had been extensively engaged in the merchandising and shipping of grain.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Stock prices displayed a firm tone at the opening of today's market. Oil and sugar shares were again in good demand, as were a number of recently strong specialties such as National Lead and General Cigar, each of which advanced 1 point to new high records for the year. Maryland and American Metals advanced 1¼ each.

Pre holiday dullness characterized the early dealings. National Lead extended its rise to 11¼ points and General Cigar to 3½, while Willys Overland preferred, Computing, Tabulating and Recording each advanced about 1½ points, all at new 1923 highs. Schulte, Davison Chemical, Corn Products, Houston Oil and Famous Players also climbed a point or more. United Railways Investment preferred dropped 1¾, New Orleans, Texas & Mexico, 1⅜, and Tobacco Products and Central Leather preferred, 1 each. Foreign exchanges opened irregular.

Buying and selling of specialties featured the morning standard industrial and railroad stocks showing little or no change on a small volume of trading. Oil, motor, merchandising, tobacco and food shares gave the best demonstration of group strength, buying being based on favorable trade news, report of high current earnings and speculative anticipation of special dividend distribution. Corn Products, Computing, Tabulating and Recording, and Cluett Peabody each extended their early gains to 2½ points. Marland Oil increased its strength to 2¼. Special weakness cropped out in Omaha, Chicago and Northwestern common and preferred, and American Sugar Refining preferred, all selling at their lowest prices of the year. Call money opened at 4½ per cent.

The closing was strong, several stocks moved up sharply in the last dealings, especially Beechnut Packing, Hide & Leather preferred, American Woolen, Continental Can, general Electric and U. S. Cast Iron Pipe, all of which sold 2 or more points above Saturday's close.

Money Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Foreign exchanges steady. Great Britain demand 4.34½; cables 4.34½; 60 day bills on banks 4.32; France demand 5.08; cables 5.08½; Italy demand 4.32; cables 4.32½; Belgium, demand 4.53; cables 4.53½; Germany .0000000025; cables, .0000000025 Holland, demand, 36.84; cables, 36.90; Norway, demand, 14.80; Sweden, demand, 26.35; Denmark, demand, 17.70; Switzerland demand 17.46; Spain demand 13.66; Greece demand 2.06; Poland demand .00015; Czecho-Slovakia demand 2.92; Jugo-Slavia demand 1.15; Austria demand .0011; Rumania demand 3.14; Argentina demand 32.19; Brazil demand 9.55; Montreal 97½.

Cotton Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Cotton futures opened steady, Dec. 30.20; Jan. 31.92; March, 30.22; May, 35.52; July, 34.16.

NEW YORK MARKET

	High	Low	Close
Am Beet Sug	11¾	11¾	11¾
Am Can	104¼	103	103½
Am H & L	8⅞	8¾	8¾
do pf	45¾	46¼	46¼
Am Loco	72¼	72¼	72¼
Am Smelt	57½	57¾	57½
do pf	96½	95¾	96½
Am Sug	55¼	55	55¼
Anaconda	36⅞	36	36½
Atch	96¾	96	96¾
do pf	88¼	88¼	88¼
At Gulf	17½	17¾	17½
Baldwin	125¼	123¾	124½
B & O	58¼	58	58¼
do pf	58½	58½	58½
Beth Steel	54¼	54	54¼
do pf N'w	90½	90	90½
B R T	12¾	12¾	12¾
Cal Pete	25⅞	24¾	25
do pf	90	90	90
Can Pac	145¼	145¼	145¼
Cent Leather	12½	12	12½
do pf	38⅝	37¾	38¼
Ches & O	70½	69	70½
do pf	10	10	10
C R I & P	29	28¾	29
Chile	27¼	27¼	27¼
Col G & E	28⅝	28½	28½
Col Fuel	23	22½	22½
Con Gas	60¼	60	60¼
Corn Prod	15½	15¼	15⅜
Cru Steel	61¼	60	60¼
Corn Prod	15½	15¼	15⅜
Cru Steel	61¼	61	61¼
Cuba Cane	15	15	15
Del & Hud	105¼	105¼	105¼
Erie	21¾	21⅜	21⅝
do 2d	25¾	25½	25¾
Gen Elec	165½	165	165
Gen Motors	14⅝	14¼	14½
Granby	13½	13¼	13½
Gt No pf	36	35½	35⅞
Gt N Ore ctf	28¼	28	28¼
Int Mer Mar pf	29⅝	28½	29¼
Int Paper	39¼	38	39¼
Kennecott	35¾	35½	35½
Lehigh Val	60⅞	60¼	60⅞
L & Nash	84½	84½	84½
Maxwell	58	57¼	57¼
do 1st	43½	43	43½
Mother Lode	8	8	8
Mo Pac	26¼	26	26¼
Nat Lead	143½	137¾	141¼
Nevada	11¾	11½	11½
N Y Cent	104	103½	103½
N Y & N H	13½	13	13½
Nor & West	102¾	102¼	102½
No Pac	52¼	51¾	51¾
Pan Am	65½	63	63
Penn	44	44	44
Pere Marquette	16¼	16¼	16¼
Pullman	21¼	12	12½
Pure Oil	24¾	24	24¼
Ray Con	11⅞	11⅝	11⅞
Reading	76⅝	76	76½
Royal D	47⅞	45¾	47½
St Paul	12⅞	12	12½
Sinclair oil	26¼	26	26¼
So Pac	86	85¾	86
So Ry	34⅞	34½	34⅞
Stewart	30¼	29½	30
Studb	106½	104¼	106½
Tex Pac	19½	19	19¼
U Pac	127½	126¾	127¼
do pf	71	71	71
U S I Al	65¼	65	65¼
U S Rub	57½	56¼	57
do pf	86¼	86¼	86¼
U S Steel	95¼	94½	95
do pf	119½	119¼	119½
Utah Cop	63¼	63	63
Va Chem	9¼	8¾	9
Wab A	27¼	27¼	27¼
Willys	19¾	19½	19¾
Westhouse	60¾	60	60

BOSTON MARKET

	High	Low	Close
Ariz Com	7½	7½	7½
Bos El	50	50	50
Bos & Me	9	9	9
Cal & Hec	18¼	18¼	18¼
Cop Range	23½	23½	23½
Davis Daly	3¼	3¼	3¼
E Butte	1½	1½	1½
Elder Corp	4½	4	4½
East M'F'G	9	8¾	9
Gray & Davis	6	6⅞	6⅞
Hedda	25	25	25
Isl Creek	36½	36	36½
Lake	1	1	1
Lib Mex	1¼	1¼	1¼
Mass Gas 1st	65¼	65¼	65¼
Mayflower	1	1	1
Mohawk	32	32	32
Nat Leather	1¼	1¼	1¼
Nev Butte	2	2	2
Quincy	20¼	20¼	20¼
Sup & Bos	80	80	80
Swift & Co	102	100¾	102
Swift Int	19¼	19¼	19¼
Trinity	90	90	90
U Alloy	2¼	2¼	2¼
U Metal	35	31	35
U Sh M	1	30½	30½
do pfd	26	26	26
U Sh Smel	19	19	19
Venture	27½	27¼	27¼
Waldorf	10	10	10
Wolverine Spencer	3¼	3	3¼

Samuel Gompers, the veteran president of the American Federation of Labor, has been a trade union member for 60 years.

CHRISTMAS PARDONS BY PRES. COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Christmas pardons and commutations for 11 men serving terms in federal penitentiaries were announced today by President Coolidge.

The sentence of Jesusita Munoz, an 18-year-old Mexican girl convicted in Missouri for violation of the anti-narcotics law, was commuted to expire at once. She had served 11 months of a two-year sentence.

Andrew T. Bailey of Washington, sentenced two years ago to serve a five year sentence at Atlanta for soliciting to commit a felony, had his sentence commuted to expire immediately. Bailey lost the sight of both eyes while performing a duty in the prison.

DISCONTINUE NASHUA-LOWELL SERVICE

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 24.—The New Hampshire Public Service commission Northeastern Street Railway company to discontinue service between Salem (N. H.) Pelham and Hudson and Taylor's Falls bridge in Nashua. The award of the commission will permit the company to discontinue the service between Nashua and Lowell, and Nashua and Lawrence. Fourteen miles of track are affected by the decision.

The decision of the commission provides that the property shall be sold to the Nashua Street Railway company or any other purchaser if they will pay as much for it as may be obtained by scrapping the road. In the petition to the commission by the Massachusetts Northeastern company it was stated that the branch was not earning operation expenses as a result of the competition by automobile and bus line traffic.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR UNION ARMY NURSES

Union army nurses who cared for soldiers in the Civil war and who are still living in the United states will be the recipients of each Christmas gifts from the Women's Relief corps national organization.

Mrs. Mary E. Smith, member of Jas. A. Garfield W.R.C. of this city, former army nurse and resident at 116 Congress street, this city, is among the few surviving women who served valiantly in Civil war camps and hospitals.

Every year the Women's Relief corps organization, national headquarters, remembers the women who cared for the soldiers during the war of the rebellion. The group of these remembered grows smaller each year.

The estimated number of army nurses who will each receive checks amounting to $20 this year, is 18. The national treasurer forwarding the check to Mrs. Smith of this city is Mrs. Emma W. Campbell of Minneapolis. The national president of the W.R.C. is Della W. Ililes of Baraboo, Wis.

CHAIRMAN MULDOON TO RETIRE JAN. 1

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William Muldoon, chairman of the New York state athletic commission, will retire from office with the expiration of his term on Jan. 1, he was quoted as saying today. Muldoon has been head of the commission, which controls boxing, since its creation in 1920, although his powers were curtailed late spring, when Governor Smith appointed a new three-man commission. According to reports, Edward Ciavy, former boxer and close friend of Governor Smith, will be appointed to succeed Muldoon.

COOLIDGE BOOM LAUNCHED

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 24.—Colonel Henry Du Pont, Delaware member of the national republican committee, today launched a Coolidge boom in this state. He will confer this afternoon with a number of other republican leaders in his offices in Du Pont building.

At this conference the ground work will be laid to obtain Coolidge delegates from Delaware to the republican national convention at Cleveland next June.

MAIL PILOT DIES OF INJURIES

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 24.—James F. (Duke) Moore, mail pilot, who in plane crashed near Burns, Wyo., this morning died in a Burns hospital a few minutes after a plane carrying a doctor reached Burns from Cheyenne.

Man Hit by Auto In Serious Condition

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street, about 7.30 o'clock last night. At the hospital, Bosquet's injuries are considered serious. He is suffering from the fracture of three ribs, severe lacerations and probable internal injuries.

Andreoli was arraigned in district court this morning on charges of operating an automobile while he was under the influence of liquor, and for failure to make himself known after carsha injuries. Bonds were fixed at $500 for his appearance on January 3.

The accident occurred when Bosquet was crossing West Sixth street, near Bunker Hill street, last night. After the accident, Andreoli kept on going until a witness called his attention to the injured man. Andreoli said he then went back but found the man apparently able to take care of himself, and in all appearances not seriously hurt. He then drove off, but was arrested at his home some time later, as his registration had been taken and given to the police by a witness.

Dr. Nathan A. Falsifer attended Bosquet at the home and this morning, when his condition assumed serious proportions, he was ordered removed to the hospital.

Irish Countess is Liberated

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motion with republican activities. She was elected member of the British parliament for Dublin by the Sinn Feiners in 1918, the first woman ever chosen a member of that body, but never took her seat.

She reported for Valera's side in the Anglo-Irish treaty controversy, she has since been an active member of his party and was active in all the elections for the south Irish parliament last August. Her arrest in Dublin last month occurred when she was travelling about in a motor lorry accompanied by a number of girls distributing literature concerning the government's attitude toward the political prisoner strikers.

Eamon de Valera is in solitary confinement, according to Dublin advices yesterday.

SPRACKLIN SURRENDERS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Ernest B. Spracklin, manager of the Copley Square hotel, recently indicted with William J. Corcoran and others on charges of blackmail, surrendered to the district attorney today. He pleaded not guilty to two indictments in the superior court before Judge McLaughlin and furnished $3000 bail for his appearance for trial.

MILLER WELCOMES AN INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian, told President Coolidge today that his office would welcome any investigation congress may decide to make. A resolution to direct a senate inquiry into the administration of alien property has been introduced by Senator King, democrat, Utah.

Congress to Act on Bootleggers' Scandal

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The stock whose seizure thus was intercepted, was estimated by police officials today to be worth $50,000. The police indicated that no further movement on their part seemed possible and both the legation and the state department appeared to regard the incident as closed.

As a result the liquor actually taken into custody in the case amounts to exactly 15 quarts, seized in an automobile which the police declare belonged to one of the runners held in readiness by the ring to fill rush orders.

At headquarters of the organization in a downtown office building, however, police officials claim to have sufficient documentary evidence to prove the existence of a gigantic syndicate.

PURSUIT OF MAIN BODY OF REBELS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23 (by the Associated Press)—Preparations continued today for the pursuit of the main body of revolutionists, estimated at less than 500, which escaped after the capture of Puebla by the federal army, under Gen. Eugenio Martinez. The rebels are reported to have halted temporarily and are making preparations for defense at Necxcamulpa, where they have fortified Tepeyochli hill.

NEW TRIAL FOR FOX SOUGHT

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Motion for a new trial for Philip E. Fox, Ku Klux Klan publicity man, convicted of murder for the slaying of W. S. Coburn, Klan attorney, and sentenced to life imprisonment, was overruled today by Judge Hill in superior court here.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. H. E. Howard and Mrs. Virginia Mallalieu were united in marriage on Thursday evening last at the parsonage of the First Congregational church by the pastor, Rev. Wilfred E. Harrison.

Lhussier—Capper

Mr. Armand J. Lhussier and Miss Florence Capper were united in marriage at 6 o'clock Saturday evening in the chapel of St. Anne's Episcopal church by the pastor, Rev. Appleton Grannis. The bride wore a gown of brown panne velvet with hat to match and carried chrysanthemums and bridal roses. Mrs. Clementine Jones, who attended the bride, wore a gown of gray duvetyn with hat to match and carried pink chrysanthemums and pink roses. Mr. William Crossbow acted as best man. The bride presented her attendant with a gold pendant, while the best man received a pair of white gold cuff links from the bridegroom. A wedding dinner was served at Marie's restaurant following the ceremony, after which the bridal couple left on a wedding trip through New York state. They will be at home after Jan. 10 at 102 Third street.

JAMES THOMPSON DEAD

Well Known Box Manufacturer Died Today at His Home in Grove Street

James A. Thompson, well known business man, for many years engaged in the manufacture of boxes at an extensive plant at the foot of Meadowcroft street, died today at his home, 68 Grove street. His age was 63 years. A member of Ancient York lodge, A. F. and A. M., he also was affiliated with all other Masonic bodies in the city, including the chapter, council, commandery and Lowell lodge of Perfection. He is survived by two sons, Alvar G. Thompson and Dr. William R. Thompson, local dentist; two sisters, Mrs. Emeline Morgan and Mrs. Mary E. Conley, and three brothers, John E. of this city, Fred A., of Leominster and William Thompson of Oregon.

REPORT K. K. K. ASSISTED IN BIG LIQUOR RAIDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The prohibition raids in Williamson county, Illinois, Saturday and Sunday, followed a recent visit here by a delegation of citizens of that section who requested a "clean-up," it was said today at prohibition headquarters here. Enforcement officials had no knowledge of the reported participation of members of the K.K.K. in the activities.

E. C. Yellowley, chief of prohibition enforcement agents, who was placed in charge of the case, said he had sent G. J. Simmons, director of the Pittsburgh division, to render all possible assistance to the Illinois county and local officials.

For 200 years Holland has been a leading factor in the cocoa industry. Today Amsterdam alone has 18 factories engaged in the manufacture of cocoa and chocolate.

HELD THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The employes of the Kimball system, including representatives of the Portland branch, assembled today at their local plant for their annual Christmas banquet, which was served by Lyndon, the caterer, after which all gathered around their Christmas tree and Mr. Lewis Carpenter acted as Santa Claus, assisted by Mr. Thomas Salmon.

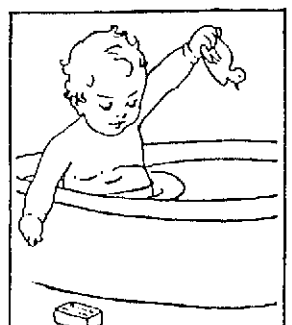
Everyone received many gifts. The novelty of the event was the distribution of different numbers to everyone, and cash was given in different amounts to corresponding numbers.

They then presented Mr. E. L. Kimball platinum diamond cuff links, and a bill folder. Amidst many cheers, Mr. Kimball responded in a fitting manner. After songs and musical entertainment the party broke up at a seasonable hour, each one declaring it to be the most happy party they ever held.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR ROTARY CLUB BALL

Plans have been completed for the Lowell Rotary club's charity ball, to be held in the Auditorium Friday evening. The huge red ball standing prominently in front of the Auditorium on the right hand side of the plaza, has attracted much attention. There has been some secrecy about certain spectacular features for Friday's annual charitable event, but it was learned today that about a thousand Lowell boys are to appear at the Auditorium just before the ball opens and offer special stunts.

Tickets to the ball have sold rapidly. The total distributed for sale was 1,000.

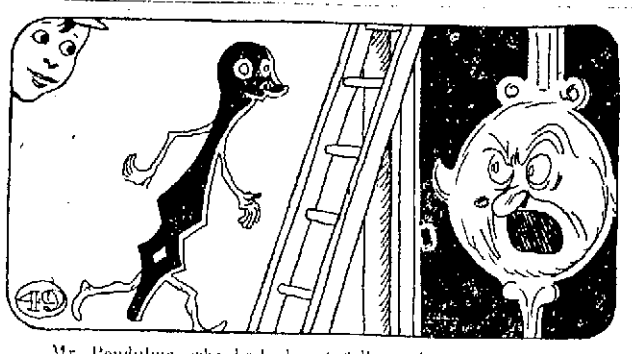


Comfort Baby's Skin With Cuticura Baths

Don't let your baby suffer or fret because of rashes, eczemas, irritations or itchings. Give him a warm bath, using Cuticura Soap freely. Then anoint affected parts with Cuticura Ointment. The daily use of Cuticura does much to prevent these distressing troubles.

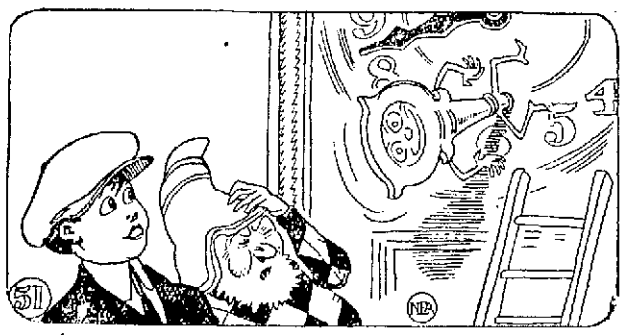
Samples Free by Mail. Address: "Cuticura Laboratories, Dept. 28D, Malden 48, Mass." Sold everywhere. Soap 25c. Ointment 25c and 50c. Talcum 25c. Cuticura Soap shaves without mug.

Jack Daw's Adventures. Chapter 17



Mr. Pendulum, who had almost fallen asleep, opened his eyes just as Mr. Hour Hand walked in. "Hurry up, there!" he shouted. "I want to get to swinging." And Mr. Hour Hand was soon spread out across the clock's face. But still the big clock failed to start. What could be the matter now?

Jack, himself, wondered what was keeping the clock from starting. And his wonder was answered when a tall, slim fellow with funny, thin body and big head walked in. It was Mr. Key and of course the clock couldn't start until Mr. Key wound it up and set the clock to ticking.



"Is everybody ready to start to work?" questioned Ticky, as Mr. Key turned 'round and 'round. A chorus of "yes" and "sure, you bet," came back in reply. And then a surprise startled Ticky and Jack. After Mr. Key finished winding the clock up, it was supposed to start. But it didn't. (Continued.)

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

by Olive Roberts Barton

A RIDDLE FOR GIRLS

"I have two eyes, a nose and mouth."

"Oh, dear!" sighed the Riddle Lady. "I'm afraid the boys won't like my riddle today. Or the grownups, either."

"Then it must be a little girl's riddle!" cried Nancy.

"Yes, it is!" answered the Riddle Lady.

"All the better!" said Humpty Dumpty. "I like girls. I don't shiver when they come near me. They are much more gentle than boys."

"But girls do more cooking so they break more eggs than boys," said Nick.

Humpty Dumpty gave him an indignant look and jerked down his white satin waistcoat. "A most unpleasant conversation," he declared. "Who started it, anyway?"

"I'm afraid you did yourself, Humpty Dumpty," laughed the Riddle Lady. "But there! There! We'll begin our riddle and get our minds off eggs."

"I have two eyes, a nose and mouth,
And two dear little ears.
But though my eyes will ope and shut,
They can't cry any tears.
And though I'm proud, as proud can be,
Of my nice little nose,
I never caught a cold in it,
And never smelled a rose.
My mouth is cute and just as red
As any red ripe berry,
I never tasted cake or bread,
And never ate a cherry.
I have five fingers on each hand,
Yet never held a book,
And though upon my feet I stand,
A step I never took.
I have a throat as white as milk,
But never said a word.
My hair's as soft as golden silk,
But does not grow. I've heard.
My heart, they say, is cold as stone,
And yet I love you all,
I never feel a bit alone,
For I'm a —— ——!"

"A baby-doll!" cried Nancy quickly.

"Right!" smiled the Riddle Lady, handing her a doll for her prize.

"That was only a riddle about dolls," went on the Riddle Lady. "The truth is dolls can do wonderful things."

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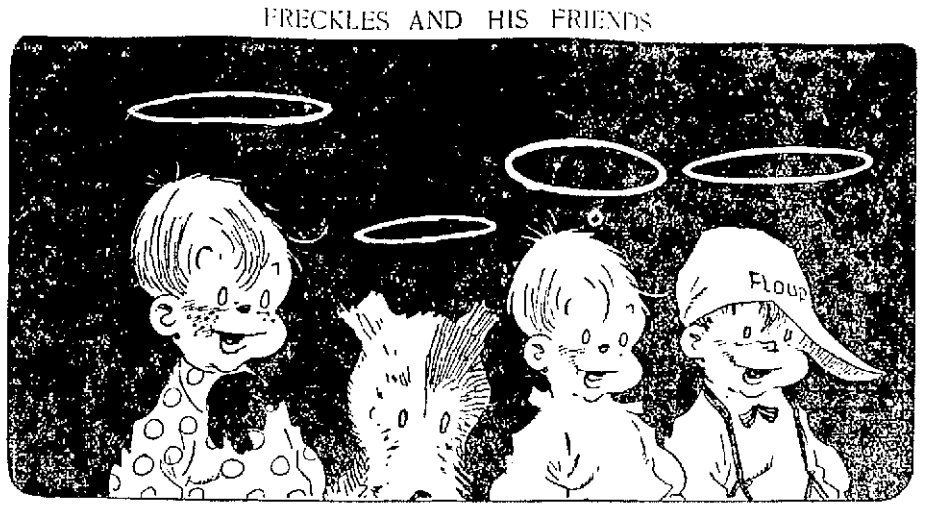

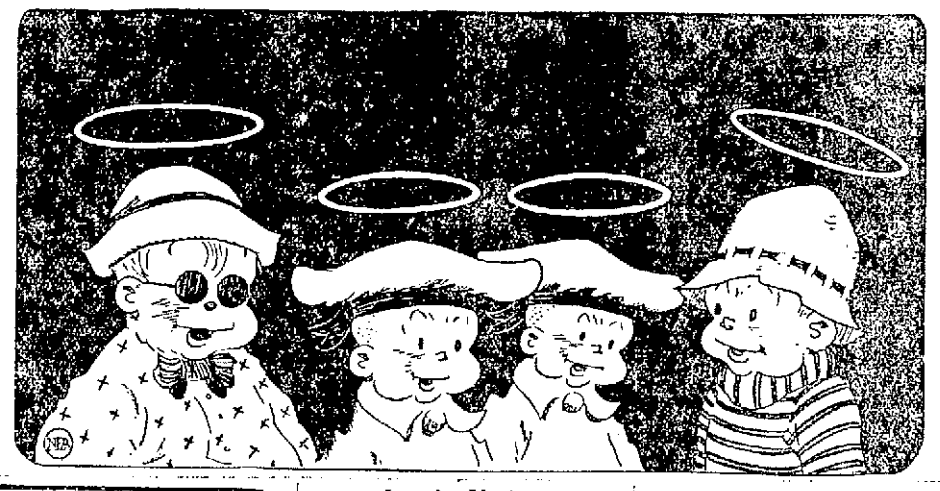

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Legal Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of Margaret T. Burns, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas James J. Kerwin, executor of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, legacies and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-eighth day of December, A. D., 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is redered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

d14-21-24

Notice is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of J. Melvin Wentworth, late of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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Per order,
FRANCIS A. CONNOR,
Inspector of Public Buildings.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of John F. Howe, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, Charles J. Wier and Wheaton Kittredge, the trustees under the will of said deceased, have presented for allowance, the first account of their trust under said will:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-seventh day of December, A. D., 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said trustees are ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Julia Riley, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to James J. Kerwin, of Lowell, in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of December, A. D., 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of John Kisly, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Julius Kisly of Westford, in said County, without giving a surety on his bond, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of December, A. D., 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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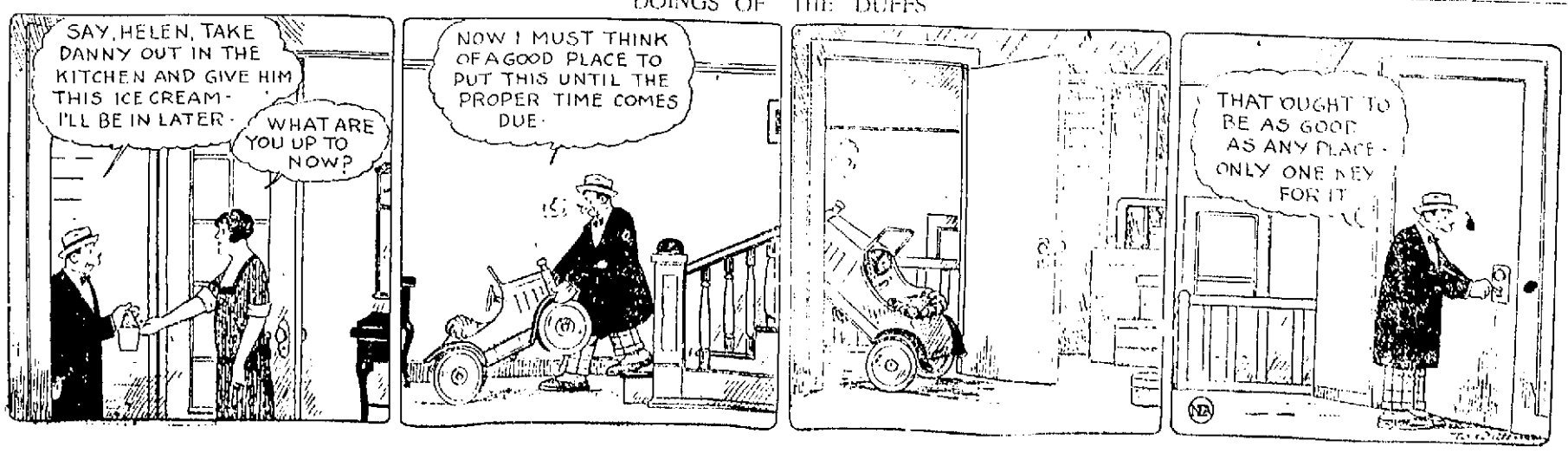

The Three Wise Men

ROGERS BLAMES THE MILL MEN

Congressman Holds Them Responsible for Defeat of River Project

Lowell Mills Should Be More Generally Owned and Operated at Home

In a statement made public as result of the adverse report of the board of river and harbor engineers on the Merrimack river navigation project Congressman John Jacob Rogers places the blame for the defeat of the proposal at the feet of mill men who own and control Lowell textile industries.

"If our Lowell mills were more generally owned and officered at home the attitude of the opponents might have been different," he declares after saying that the mill men will have to assume the responsibility for the decision which ends all present hope for a navigable Merrimack.

One of the strongest declarations in the congressman's statement is when he says: "I do not believe that civilized nations can show a parallel for neglecting the improvement of a river potentially so valuable as the Merrimack."

His complete statement follows:

"The adverse decision upon the Merrimack river navigation project just handed down by Chief Engineer Lansing H. Beach, confirming the decision of the board of engineers for rivers and harbors, marks the end of a long struggle. Naturally I am greatly disappointed. For ten years I have given a very large share of my time and effort to securing favorable action at the hands of the war department, which is the necessary preliminary to the securing of favorable consideration by congress. At one time—in 1916—the war department endorsed the project and recommended an equal division of the engineering costs between the state and the nation. When in the spring of 1917 Massachusetts was called upon to confirm this arrangement and to make the necessary legislative provision, Governor McCall vetoed the bill which was passed by both branches of the general court. War was then imminent and he felt that the outlay was not warranted in the face of the emergency. After the war costs had risen and the war department took the view that further survey of the expenses involved was essential. For the last three or four years we have been proceeding step by step with this phase of the inquiry.

"Final arguments pro and con were held by the board of engineers last June. Representatives of the city government of Lowell and of our chamber of commerce and the three Merrimack river congressmen were heard on the affirmative side and representatives of the large Lowell mills argued against the improvement.

"The mill men will have to assume the responsibility—or from their point of view, may take the credit—for the decision ending all present hope of a navigable Merrimack. Both General Beach and the board of engineers make this very clear. Gen. Beach speaks of the impression made by the active opposition of many of these very interests, namely, the manufacturing establishment on the Merrimack river. The board of engineers says, referring to the representatives 'of many of the large industries,' that 'it appears that local sentiment is not as a whole favorable to the project' and mentions the significance of the fact that these concerns 'have in many cases gone on record as being actively opposed.'

"It is the old, old story of the house divided against itself. The board of engineers and the war department generally are constantly passing upon the river projects where the whole community, high and low, manufacturer and consumer, enthusiastically join hands in advocacy of the project in question. Naturally the war department take a dubious view of a proposal where there is a sharp division of opinion.

"I do not believe that any other country in the world—or any other part of this country—would have witnessed such a division of opinion. I do not believe that civilized nations can show a parallel for neglecting the improvement of a river potentially so valuable as the Merrimack. The New England railroad transportation system is so out of joint that it would seem that even stronger argument were present here than elsewhere. I believe that the cities of the Merrimack valley will suffer from and deplore the decision. I cannot help feeling I hope I am wrong that the attitude of the communities would have been different if our Lowell mills were more generally owned and officered at home."

PRESENTS 'THE MESSIAH'

Lowell Choral Society Gives Well Liked Oratorio at the Auditorium

Perfectly in keeping with the celebration of the natal day of the Christ child was the presentation of Handel's "The Messiah" by the Lowell Choral Society at the Auditorium Sunday afternoon. It is regrettable that the numerical size of the audience was not commensurate with the standards of production, but those who did attend felt well repaid. Again, it is to be hoped that the size of the audience did not truly represent the interest Lowell holds for its choral society, for it is an organization worthy of substantial support, inasmuch as it has contributed in splendid measure to the city's musical history.

However, the society itself may well consider the concert another success in its unbroken series of achievements, for from the musical standpoint it left little to be desired. The society was fortunate in having as assisting soloists Vesta Wicke Thyden, soprano; Marion Aubens Wise, contralto; Joseph Lautner, tenor, and Walter Kidder, basso. Wilfred Kershaw as organist gave the singers splendid support and the conducting of Eusebius G. Hood was productive of most excellent results.

In a consideration of "The Messiah" it is interesting to reflect upon the long span of years in which it has been sung and enjoyed as an oratorio in this country. Its first complete performance in the United States was at Boston on Christmas night, 1818, 105 years ago almost to a day. Its composition however, dates back to 1741, with its first performance coming in the following year at Dublin under Handl's personal direction.

EUSEBIUS G. HOOD
Conductor

With a text selected from the Scriptures and dealing directly with the birth of Christ, it is above all else a Christmas oratorio, to be sung at Christmas time and by its presentation yesterday the Choral society took a prominent part in this year's celebration in Lowell.

In the chorus yesterday were approximately 100 voices and although the text of "The Messiah" places much of the burden of presentation upon the soloists there are passages for the full choir which call for fine understanding of the theme and concerted part singing. In every particular the chorus acquitted itself finely, answering not only the demands of the composition, but the conductor's baton in faultless manner. Always an inspiration, the Hallelujah chorus showed the choir in its best mood and the audience was quick to show its appreciation. The other chorus passages were sung with equal feeling to round out a most praiseworthy achievement.

Mr. Lautner showed in his opening recitative that his voice was adequate for the task and his following arias more than bore out this conviction. His tenor voice is handled with ease and skill and he has in addition the attribute of flexibility as clearly shown in the aria directly following the first recitative.

The pastoral symphony brought out the beauties of the voices of Miss Thyden and Miss Wise and the "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth," aria by the former during the resurrection part was one of the best individual accomplishments of the afternoon.

Of the four soloists perhaps Mr. Kidder was the best known and as in previous local appearances he gave of his best and showed his vibrant voice in its most pleasing garb.

As has previously been said Mr. Kershaw's organ accompaniment was faultless and the instrument itself was in fine fettle.

Mr. Hood has worked unsparingly for the success of the Lowell Choral society for many years. In a considerable respect, also, it has been a labor of love and a great deal of the society's ability today is due directly to his painstaking coaching and excellent conducting. The choir works well and hard for him and he reciprocates in full measure.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

Midnight Masses in All But One Church — Elaborate Musical Programs

When the clock strikes 12 tonight, thousands of Catholics throughout the city will be in attendance at solemn high midnight mass in their respective churches in commemoration of the nativity of the Christ-child, every Catholic churches in the city, with the exception of St. Margaret's having announced special services in honor of the great feast day. There will be three masses in St. Anthony's church, and solemn services in St. Patrick's, Immaculate Conception, St. Peter's, St. Michael's, Sacred Heart and St. Columba's. On Christmas day the schedule of masses will be identical with that of Sunday.

In connection with the Christmas exercises, choir directors have prepared elaborate musical programs, consisting of carols and special mass music. In St. Patick's church, M. J. Johnson, organist and choir leader, will direct an augmented choir in the singing of classical Christmas carols. At the 8.30 o'clock mass on Christmas day, a choir of 30 voices will render the music under the direction of Miss Sarah A. Murray. The soloists will be the Misses Mary Tuttle, Gertrude Lawn, Esther Brennan and Helen Lawn.

Mrs. Hugh Walker will preside at the organ in the Immaculate Conception church, while the choir will be directed by James S. King. Processional and recessional carols will be sung by the sanctuary choir. The soloists will be Miss Florence McManus, Mrs. Alice Darcy Delmore, James S. King and William Gookin.

In St. Peter's church, Christmas carols will be sung from 11.30 o'clock until midnight. After the midnight mass, "Adeste Fideles" will be sung by John Doyle. Miss Gertrude M. Quigley will be at the organ and the choir will be directed by Rev. Peter T. Linehan. The church quartet, composed of Miss Florence Hague, Miss Sadie Sheehan, James E. Donnelly and Mr. Doyle, will also render appropriate selections. At the evening service on Christmas, the soloists will be Miss Mae Ryune.

The regular church choir and the sanctuary choir will combine in an elaborate program at St. Michael's. The "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" will be sung in an old French air. The soloists will be Mr. and Mrs. James A. Murphy and Miss Margaret Griffin. Mrs. Ella Reilly Toye will play the organ.

There will be no midnight mass at St. Margaret's, as stated above, but a comprehensive program of Christmas music will be sung on Christmas day. The choir will be directed by Katherine V. Hennessey, with Louis N. Guillault at the organ. At the 9 o'clock mass, the music will be rendered by the children of St. Peter's orphanage. Miss Theresa L. Hennessey will play the organ a this mass.

At the high mass in the Sacred Heart church on Christmas day, the preacher will be Rev. William B. McFadden, D.D., of the Catholic University of Washington, D.C. Solemn music will be sung at the midnight mass and at all the masses on Christmas day. Raymond Kelley will be at the organ.

Christmas festivities at St. Columba's church began yesterday afternoon with a children's party. Christmas carols and mass music will be sung at midnight tonight and at the 7, 8.30 and 11 o'clock masses tomorrow. Vesper service will be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Miss Catherine Wholey will play the organ, Joseph A. McAvinnue will be the director.

At the children's exercises in the afternoon, the pastor, Rev. John J. Powers, and his assistant, Rev. Cornelius J. Cotter, were presented suitable tokens in the form of purses of gold. The recipients were greatly surprised at the remembrance and thanked the givers for the spirit which prompted the action. An extensive entertainment program was carried out.

At all the masses yesterday, souvenir church calendars were distributed to the parishioners. The mementoes, attractively arranged, contain the feast-days of the year and other festival occasions.

The French churches, St. Jean's, St. Joseph's, Notre Dame de Lourdes, St. Louis, St. Jeanne d'Arc and St. Marie's in South Lowell, will all hold midnight mass tonight.

There will be no midnight mass in St. Mary's, Collinsville, but splendid programs will be presented at the children's mass at 8.15 o'clock, and the high mass at 10.15 o'clock tomorrow. At the children's service, a quartet composed of the Misses Meade, Mooney, Driscoll and Nolin, will sing "Dear Little One." Miss Beatrice Cornellier will sing a solo.

LIFT SEALS AT BREWING PLANT

Cold Spring Officials Announce Immediate Resumption of Brewing Operations

Agents Sullivan and Hall Act Upon Orders From Director Potter

Seals placed on vats, bottling racks, conveyors and other praraphernalia of the Cold Spring Beverage Co., Lawrence, when their brewery was raided on Nov. 18 were removed Saturday by Federal Agents Hall and Sullivan. Hall and Sullivan placed the seals in position after raiding the brewery and finding beer which they claim was over the permitted alcoholic strength.

Officials of the brewery, who are charged with conspiracy against the United States as well as illegal manufacture and illegal possession of liquor, announced the resumption of brewing today. On Wednesday hearings before U. S. Commissioner Walsh upon the charges brought against the brewery bosses will continue here. The hearings started last Friday and but a part of the government case was in when they were put over until Wednesday upon which day they will in all probability be concluded.

The order that the seals be removed was issued by Elmer C. Potter, regional head of federal prohibition agents.

At the opening of the hearing here last week upon the conspiracy charges against Alfred E. Beck, president and a director of the company, John Rathgab, brewmaster, and Thomas P. Casey, boss bottler, it was stated that a bill in equity intended to bring about such action had been drawn but not filed pending Mr. Potter's decision upon a formal request that the seals be lifted.

Daniel A. Shay of Boston and Atty. Donovan of Lawrence, chief of the group of counsel for the brewers, announced today that in view of the act of Mr. Potter the bill will not be filed.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS RECEIVED BY POPE

ROME, Dec. 24.—Christmas greetings from all over the world are reaching Pope Pius, those from America being especially numerous. There were preliminary observances within the Vatican today. The gardeners of the Vatican gardens presented the pontiff with a handsome tribute of flowers and fruit. Later all the members of the Sacred college were received and tendered their good wishes, the dean of the college, Cardinal Vanutelli, delivering an appropriate address. Pope Pius responded with impromptu remarks, ending by extending the Christmas hope that God might be glorified and peace and good will prevail on earth.

BANK OF GERMANY

131,082,594,340,869,067,000 Notes in Circulation

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The statement of the Bank of Germany for the week ending Nov. 23, shows notes in circulation increased 131,082,594,340,869,067,000 marks. Total gold holdings were 467,025,000 marks.

SUN BREVITIES

Best printing. Tobin's Associate bldg.

Catering the best—Lydon. Tel. 4934.

Cole's Taxi Service, 151 Paige st. Tel. 1829-W.

J. F. Donohoe, 222-223 Hildreth bldg. real estate and insurance. Telephone.

Over $2000 in bonuses to employes was disbursed Saturday by A. E. O'Heir & Co. in appreciation of their conscientious work throughout the year.

Centralville Rebekah lodge will hold its annual election Thursday evening.

Carl Schader, state supervisor of physical education, is to speak before the Parent-Teachers' association of Greenhalge school on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Gleason, 29 Third street, has been awarded the centre piece donated by Mrs. Maynard in a recent contest for charitable purposes.

MANUFACTURER ENDS LIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Benjamin Adler, a shoe manufacturer, jumped to death today from the fifth floor of his small Sixth avenue factory. Members of his family said he had been worried about his business.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREE

The members of the Knights of Columbus are to have a real old time Christmas tree celebration at their clubhouse on Dutton street, on Christmas afternoon. All the members who attend are to receive a present from the Christmas tree and a large crowd is expected. The lecturer, E. F. Slattery, Jr., has arranged a musical program which will include Christmas carols and appropriate music for the day. The committee in charge of arrangements is P. K. K. John E. Hart, chairman; Fred Enwright, John H. Queenan, Sylva Bercardini and Edward Callahan.

On Sunday evening, January 6, the Rev. M. J. Murphy, state prison chaplain at Charlestown, will deliver a stereopticon lecture on "Life Behind Prison Walls" at the clubrooms and an evening of rare enjoyment is anticipated by the members. Father Murphy is coming to Lowell with a reputation as a very interesting and learned speaker and the message which he will bring to the members and their friends will be both humane and vital. His talk will deal largely with the humane and pathetic side of prison life among the inmates, but his irresistible wit and sense of humor will keep his audience in constant laughter throughout the evening.

Tomorrow afternoon and evening, the members will make an endeavor to win a 12-pound turkey which will be awarded the lucky man who bowls the highest single string throughout the day.

DIES IN MOTHER'S ARMS

Christmas Brings Girl Gift She Desired, the One for Which She Prayed—Death

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Christmas season brought to 13-year-old Helen Hamilton the gift she most desired, the one for which she had prayed—death. Racked for months by almost intolerable pain, due to a ruptured heart—the result of a childish prank eight years ago the heroic little girl died yesterday with her mother's arms about her and secure in the belief that she would find a painless, perfect happiness in the world beyond. Clasped tightly to her breast, was her favorite doll which she asked be buried with her. Her last words were a prayer for death. "Jesus, take me; take me Jesus," she said.

Her pale lips had prayed that she might live until her birthday, Nov. 26. She had hoped to die that day. When it passed she appeared to rally, but soon afterward passed into a lethargy from which she rarely was aroused. The climax of her sufferings came Saturday morning and 12 hours later she told her mother, Mrs. Emma Hamilton, a widow, that she knew the end was near. "Take me in your lap, mother," she said. "I know this is the end. I know that in a few minutes I will die. I want to feel your arms around me. I want to be held close before I go."

MUSICAL PROGRAM AND COMEDY PLAYLET

The girls of C section of the Normal school Friday afternoon signalized the beginning of the Christmas vacation by assembling in the gym for a musical program and comedy playlet, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the students and by members of the faculty. Principal Clarence M. Weed, at the conclusion of the program, congratulated those responsible for the success of the affair, particularly commenting on their initiative and originality in conducting such a program without faculty or other assistance.

In the playlet, entitled, "A Case of Suspension," the various parts were capably portrayed, the male impersonations being especially commendable. The complete cast of characters was as follows:

Dorothy, Alice, Mildred (girls in seminary) Hazel McHale, Cassie McSorley, Anna McMahon.
Tom, Harold, "Shrimp" (college boys) Mary Palmer, Mary Luppold, Marion MacDonald.
Kathleen, a maid at the seminary, Winifred Lester
Jonas, the hired man....Theresa Mack
Prof. Emelius Edgarton .Sarah O'Brien
Miss Ophelia Judkins.....Claire Laird

After the presentation, solos were given by Grace Moran and Margaret Minahan. The accompanist was Lorraine Leith.

Refreshments were served. The chairman of the refreshment committee was Rose Leary, while Mary O'Connor was chairman of the reception committee.

Miss Mary Moran presided.

ALLEGED HOLD-UP MEN GET CONTINUANCE

Two young men were arraigned in district court this morning for the larceny of a small amount of money from Ferdinand Sylvian, and were continued in $500 each until Jan. 2.

Their arrest was brought at 11 Saturday night by Sergt. James J. Kennedy and Motorcycle Officer Daniel M. Lynch on the complaint of Sylvian, who said he had been held up and robbed on the North common at about 5.30 o'clock Saturday evening.

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A Merry Christmas To all
Father John's Medicine

ON THE POLICE FORCE EIGHTEEN YEARS

Eighteen years ago next Wednesday —Dec. 26, 1905—the names of David Petrie, Peter McManmon, John H. Clark, John Gillis, John F. Conlon, Patrick H. Bagley, John W. Swanwick, James P. McNally and Simon Lane were added to the supernumerary list of the Lowell police department by order of the then police commissioners, Lloyd, Pearson and Beals. Today each of the officers is enjoying good health and doing active duty.

David Petrie is a captain and chief inspector in the criminal investigation bureau; Peter McManmon is a sergeant and working on the late night shift; Officer Lane is at present doing patrol duty in the square on the day shift; Officer Clark is on the early night shift in Central street, Officer Gillis is on the [illegible] night shift in B[illegible] street and [illegible] avenue, Officer Conlon is on the early night shift on upper Gorham street, Officer Swanwick patrols the day beat in the vicinity of [illegible] Hill; Officer Bagley is a member of the liquor squad, and Officer McNally patrols a day route in Belvidere.

SKIERS IN TRYOUT

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 24.—Four skiers and a bobsled team to represent America in the Olympic games next month, will be selected here Dec. 29, and Jan. 1.

Thirty skiers from all sections of the country will participate in the tryouts here.

Xmas Sweet Cider, Boyle Bros.

ASHES OF SOCIALIST LEADER STOLEN

TOKIO, Dec. 24. (by the Associated Press). The ashes of the late Sakaye Osugi, socialist leader, which were stolen from a room in which the urn was lying in state before funeral services on Dec. 16, will be returned to the police tomorrow, the snatchers have informed authorities.

The theft was committed by three armed men, who escaped in an automobile. The incident precipitated a situation which was considered critical for a time, headquarters of the anti-socialist league having been closely guarded after socialists were said to have threatened reprisals for the desecration of the remains of their leader.

Osugi was slain with his wife and child, by Captain Amakasu, a gendarmerie officer who declared he was actuated by patriotic motives. He is now serving a sentence of 10 years' imprisonment for the slaying.

CHANGES IN FRENCH BOXING SYSTEM

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The "one minute rest" granted a boxer in the French ring, injured by an involuntary low blow from his adversary, which has been practiced in France since the introduction of boxing, will become a thing of the past Jan. 1. The French boxing federation has just decided to adopt the American system, making the referee the sole judge of ring conduct.

The federation decided that any expert boxer [illegible] business to strike a low blow and that his opponent should be given the decision if the referee is convinced the blow was involuntarily landed, while in the case of wilful foul the boxer should be disqualified not only for the fight in which he struck the blow, but for a certain number of weeks or months as might be decided by the federation after an investigation.

SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—All gates of the White House grounds will be thrown open tonight while Christmas carols are sung at the north entrance of the executive mansion.

Mrs. Coolidge, wife of the president, was the moving spirit in having the old custom revived, and at her invitation, the public will take part in the celebration.

The vested choir of the First Congregational church where the president and Mrs. Coolidge worship, will lead the singing. Musicians from the marine band will assist.

City of Lowell

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

The City Council of the City of Lowell will give hearings at its room, city hall, Monday, Jan. 7, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the following petitions, to wit:

Colonial Filling Stations, Inc.
For a license to keep, store, use and sell gasoline, in and from a tank (capacity 5000 gals.) buried in the ground at premises, 375 Gorham street, Thomas F. Mann square.

Saco-Lowell Shops
For a license to conduct and maintain a garage at premises corner Broadway and Dutton street. Construction, cement, fireproof brick wall, 2 stories, Capacity 15 cars.

Red Line Taxi Service Co.
For a license to keep, store, use and sell gasoline (capacity 500 gals.) buried in the ground at premises 17 [illegible] street.

David Stenman
For a license to keep, store, use and sell gasoline, in and from a tank (capacity 500 gals.) buried in the ground at premises 151 Worthen street.

Cecil M. Pelton, Inc.
For a license to keep, store, use and sell gasoline, in and from a tank (capacity 500 gals.) buried in the ground at premises 166 Market street.

Wilfred Guigle
For a license to keep, store, use and sell gasoline, in and from a tank (capacity 550 gals.) buried in the ground at premises, 193 Cheever street.

By order of the City Council,
STEPHEN FLYNN, Clerk.
Dec. 24, 1923.

TODAY'S CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURT

As a result of a raid on a "shanty" in Tanner street early yesterday morning, Fred Gagnon, John McEvoy, Frank Silva, Manuel Faustino, James Hislop and Joseph Perry appeared in district court this morning and were fined $5 each for being present at a game on the Lord's day.

William Smith, charged with drunkenness and the larceny of a pair of shoes and a razor from Charles Woolwich, was sentenced to two months in the house of correction. Records were produced to show that the same man had been in a year ago for assault with a knife and for breaking and entering and larceny.

John McKenzie pleaded guilty to drunkenness, and not guilty to attempting to breaking and entering and larceny in the store of George Lynch. He was continued in $400 bonds until Dec. 31.

Henry Arseneault of Chelmsford was continued until Dec. 31. He is charged with drunkenness and with operating an automobile while he was under the influence of liquor.

Napoleon P. Lemieux, drunkenness and operating, was continued to Dec. 31 also. Chapman Dickie, who was in the machine with him at the time of his arrest, will be tried for drunkenness the same day.

Peter Mulowski, drunkenness, was sentenced to the house of correction for three months, and the sentence was suspended for a year.

Louis Kristation, assault and battery, was continued to Dec. 31.

WOMAN INJURED

A wood wagon owned by John Brady and an automobile owned by George J. Dunbar of 388 Newberry street, Boston, collided on Dyer's hill, East Chelmsford, Saturday evening. A woman riding in the automobile was cut by flying glass but neither the extent of her injuries nor her identity could be learned as she continued on her journey without seeking medical assistance.

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BATTLE OF MUSIC—ADMISSION 55¢

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"Mal" Hallett's Farewell Party
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Miner-Doyle's and "Mal" Hallett's Orchestras Both Evenings.

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Continuous Session from 10 a. m. to 10.30 p. m. Christmas Day Skate as long as you desire. No extra charge.
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STRATFORDS
Wrick's College Orchestra Subscription 55c